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Lakeland to start drive-up testing

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Dr. Loren B. Hamel, center, president of Spectrum Health Lakeland, joins staff members as he talks about the hospital's preparedness in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, during a news conference Monday.

Only people with doctor's order can be tested; hospital braces for inevitable cases

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Spectrum Health Lakeland is gearing up to fight COVID-19, in part by setting up a drive-up collection center on Hollywood Road in St. Joseph, hospital officials announced during a news conference Monday.

The site, at the Center for Outpatient Services, 3900 Hollywood Road, was expected to be operational Monday night, said Dr. Loren Hamel, chief strategy officer of Spectrum Health System and president of Spectrum Health Lakeland. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and will change as needed.

There were no confirmed COVID-19 cases in Berrien County as of Monday morning, but Hamel said they know it is coming.

"I believe that if together, we take this seriously, we as a community can help limit the spread in Berrien County," he said. "... Anything we can do to limit transmission is going to keep us all safer."

People need to call their doctor before going to the site to have a specimen taken. Because testing supplies are limited, he said only people with a doctor's order will be able to be tested.

He said testing has been a problem throughout the country because until recently, testing was under the control of the federal government, with the criteria to get the tests extremely strict.

"The system is overloaded," he said. "It may take several days to get those tests back and that, of course, puts folks at more risk, not knowing if they're contagious to their loved ones. That will continue for a few more days."

By the middle of next week, he said Spectrum Health Lakeland should be able to do its own testing. But getting the necessary supplies may be a problem. He said

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Closed: Bars, restaurants, gyms, theaters affected by governor's order

Order is through March, for now

By PAUL EGAN and MARK KURLYANDCHIK
Detroit Free Press

LANSING — Michigan bars and restaurants, as well as gyms, spas, theaters and other public spaces, were ordered closed on Monday, except for restaurant delivery and carry-out services, due to the coronavirus pandemic, the governor's office announced.

The executive order from Gov. Gretchen Whitmer is effective through March 30.

It applies to:

- Restaurants, cafés, coffee houses, bars, taverns, brewpubs, distilleries and clubs
- Movie theaters
- Indoor and outdoor performance venues
- Gymnasiums, fitness centers, recreation centers, indoor sports facilities, indoor exercise facilities, exercise studios and spas
- Casinos

The order does not apply to:

- Office buildings
- Grocery stores, markets and food pantries
- Pharmacies, drug stores, providers of medical equipment and supplies, health care facilities and residential care facilities
- Juvenile justice facilities
- Warehouse and distribution centers, and industrial and manufacturing facilities.
- Restaurants may allow five people inside at a time to pick up orders, so long as they stay six feet apart from each other, according to the order.

"This disease is a challenge unlike any we've experienced in our lifetimes," Whitmer said.

"Fighting it will cause significant but temporary changes to our daily lives. By practicing social distancing and taking aggressive action now, the state is working to mitigate the spread of coronavirus so we reduce the risk that our health care system becomes overwhelmed."

Several other states, including Ohio, Illinois, California and Massachusetts, took similar steps over the weekend.

The closures could have a significant economic impact. The Michigan Restaurant & Lodging Association issued a statement calling on Whitmer to immediately submit paperwork to qualify Michigan for the U.S. Small Business Administration Economic Injury Disaster Loan program "and to work quickly to infuse

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Don Campbell / HP staff

Meghan Bronicki, left, and her mother, Stephanie Bronicki, enjoy lunch at Coach's Bar & Grill in Stevensville on Monday afternoon. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer on Monday ordered the closing of all restaurants and bars in Michigan, limiting them to carry-out and delivery in response to the spread of COVID-19.

'This will have a huge impact'

Local restaurants, bars brace for financial hit; Four Winds shuts down casinos

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Area bar and restaurant owners say they will find a way to continue to serve their customers during the forced shutdown of their businesses. They also hope to somehow pay their employees.

"This will have a huge impact on our revenues. We employ about 50 people and we're concerned about their financial situation," said Tim Vanliere, one of the owners of Coach's Bar & Grill in Stevensville. "It's going to hit places we're not aware of. We're going to try to pay everyone."

In a continued effort to control the spread of COVID-19, Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer on Monday ordered the closing of all restaurants and bars across the state, limiting them to carry-out and delivery through the end of March.

"I'd like to think it's an over-reaction, but I understand why they're doing it," Vanliere said. "They're trying to control the spread."

He said Coach's will try to continue its pick-up service and is making a plan to start delivering food.

"So if the community supports us, it won't be as big a hardship. We had people coming in today for their last restaurant meal," he said. "The bar was busy. A lot of people are not working, and I think people were doing late lunches."

Vanliere said his immediate goal is to generate enough revenue to pay employees.

"We probably won't make any money. But our staff is important to us. We'd like to continue to keep workers busy and pay them. As management, though, we've put out the word, stay home if you're not feeling well."

Bars and restaurants aren't the only businesses closing down. The Four Winds Casinos announced Monday it was closing all four of its casino locations (New Buffalo,

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Berrien County Trial Court limits services through May 4

Most must make appointments before coming to courthouses

By HP STAFF

ST. JOSEPH — Berrien County Trial Court will continue to operate as many businesses and sites close due to coronavirus/COVID-19, but the court will limit some of its services, according to a news release.

Only people party to a case with an already scheduled court proceeding, defendants, plaintiffs, witnesses, victims and attorneys, will be allowed in either the St. Joseph or Niles courthouses.

Those with general questions must call to make an appointment before coming into the courthouse. All payments can be made online, over the phone or by mail.

People may enter the courthouse to file new court proceedings, but courts are allowed to except filings via email during this time.

All jury trials have been adjourned through May 4, except for criminal cases with incarcerated defendants. All other criminal hearings will be held as scheduled.

Those who have been given a date for arraignment by a law enforcement officer must call and reschedule.

All non-misdemeanor traffic cases or civil infractions can be handled online or over the phone.

All probation reporting, both adult and juvenile, will be determined individually by the probation officer. Those on probation must call their probation officer to determine their status of reporting during the state of emergency.

All court-ordered drug testing and preliminary breath tests will be suspended until further notice.

The Self-Help Legal Resource Center will be closed through May 4, though staff will be available via phone and email. For more information, visit www.michiganlegalhelp.org.

All juvenile delinquency review hearings for youth not in out-of-home placement, and adoption finalization hearings, will be adjourned through May 4. Those individuals will get mailed notices for new hearing dates.

All contested domestic relations hearings will be held, but parties are asked to contact their assigned domestic investigator (if assigned) to inform any potential witnesses being asked to testify on their behalf.

For more information, call 983-7111 or visit www.berriencounty.org.

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Whitmer: Trump should declare national disaster over coronavirus

By PAUL EGAN
Detroit Free Press

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer on Monday called on President Donald Trump to declare a federal disaster and said in the meantime states such as Michigan must get aggressive in fighting the coronavirus.

"Tthe federal government hasn't been prepared," Whitmer said on MSNBC.

"This virus is growing exponentially. This is really important that we show leadership, that we get aggressive here. We need to flatten this curve."

Whitmer, who last week declared a state of emergency in Michigan, called on Trump to declare a federal disaster, saying Michigan needs more testing equipment, personal protection equipment, masks, and hand sanitizer, among other needs.

Whitmer made her comments as she ordered all bars and restaurants to close by 3 p.m. Monday, except for carry out and delivery services.

"None of these decisions are taken lightly," she said.

Michigan now has 53 presumed cases of COVID-19, according to a Sunday night update from state officials. That number, up from two on Tuesday, is expected to continue to increase as testing steps up.

The governor earlier called on Detroit casinos and all public schools in Michigan to close.

A disaster declaration would increase the powers of state and local officials to act against the virus and also free up additional federal funding.

At a separate news conference, U.S. Rep. Andy Levin, D-Berkley, called on Trump to invoke the Defense Production Act to require companies to manufacture the required masks, respirators and other items needed to address the crisis.

Whitmer, who along with other governors is to participate in a conference call Monday with the president, said images of travelers crammed together, "lined up like a cattle call," awaiting screening at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago were disturbing. That is a federal responsibility and must be fixed, she said.

"Social distancing is the most important thing we can do," she said.

Whitmer said she was also disturbed to see Detroit-area bars holding large parties in advance of St. Patrick's Day, saying that was the "antithesis" of what the Centers for Disease Control and Protection are recommending.

Michigan "has the power" to stop that through licensing, and will "use every tool in our toolbox," Whitmer said. "This is about our public health."

Whitmer, who is a national co-chair for former Vice President Joe Biden's Democratic presidential campaign, was asked whether she is under consideration as his running mate, given Biden's statement Sunday that he will select a woman.

"It is not going to be me," Whitmer said, but "I'm going to have a hand in helping him" make the selection.

LOTTERIES

Monday drawings

Michigan
Poker Lotto
QC-KC-3D-5H-7S
Midday Daily 3
0-7-3
Midday Daily 4
4-6-1-8
Daily 3
7-8-5
Daily 4
2-5-3-4
Fantasy 5
05-14-23-37-38
Keno
01-02-07-09-13-15-17-18-30-33-38-45-49-50-57-61-62-67-71-73-78-80
Mega Millions jackpot
$90 million

Powerball jackpot
$130 million

Sunday drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
18-33-36-41-43
Cash4Life
21-24-34-39-46, Cash Ball: 2
Quick Draw Midday
06-13-14-17-21-26-30-39-48-52-53-54-56-57-59-60-66-73-74-76, BE: 53
Daily Three-Midday
4-3-9, SB: 9
Daily Three-Evening
4-5-9, SB: 5
Daily Four-Midday
5-0-7-3, SB: 9
Daily Four-Evening
4-7-9-8, SB: 5
Quick Draw Evening
08-12-15-18-20-24-25-28-35-38-42-45-47-61-62-63-64-67-72-76, BE: 35

Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
04-25-26-34-38
Pick Three-Midday
7-4-0, Fireball: 4
Pick Three-Evening
6-0-3, Fireball: 4
Pick Four-Midday
4-0-1-5, Fireball: 6
Pick Four-Evening
9-0-2-4, Fireball: 6
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Whitmer praises Biden's pledge for female vice president pick but 'not going to be me'

By MELISSA NANN BURKE
The Detroit News

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has been mentioned as a potential running mate for the Democratic presidential nominee but Monday again tamped down such speculation.

Whitmer praised former Vice President Joe Biden for committing to pick a woman to be his running mate, but "it's not going to be me," she told MSNBC.

"I think it's important that he has a woman running mate, to be honest. I think that there are a lot of phenomenal potential running mates for him," said Whitmer, who endorsed Biden this month and serves as a co-chair of his national campaign.

"I'm going to help him vet and make sure he's got a great running mate. It is not going to be me," she added with a smile. "But I'm going to have a hand in helping make sure that that he has got the rounded out ticket that can win."

Al Goldis / AP file

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer delivers her State of the State address to a joint session of the House and Senate on Jan. 29 at the State Capitol in Lansing. Gov. Whitmer praised Joe Biden for committing to pick a woman to be his running mate, but said, "It's not going to be me."

Biden made his veep pledge during Sunday night's Democratic debate on CNN. His rival, Vermont U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders, said he would "in all likelihood" also select a woman running mate.

Biden also repeated a previous promise to appoint the first black woman on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Some Democratic voters and activists have called for the ultimate nominee to choose a woman as his running mate after the leading female candidates quit the race, leaving two white men at the podium.

Analysts speculate that Whitmer's name would be on the Democratic nominee's short list for a running mate given Michigan's position as a crucial battleground state in the November general election and her relative national popularity among Democrats.

Others mentioned for the short list include California U.S. Sen. Kamala Harris, Minnesota U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, Michigan U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow of Lansing, former Georgia state Rep. Stacey Abrams and Massachusetts U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, who quit the primary race and has not yet endorsed.

Biden trounced Sanders in Michigan's March 10 primary, 53 percent to 36 percent, winning all 83 counties.

Sanders had grumbled about Whitmer's endorsement of Biden this month, saying "that wasn't her thoughts when I came here to help her get elected, as a matter of fact."

But Sanders had initially endorsed and campaigned for Whitmer's rival, Abdul El-Sayed, in the 2018 Democratic primary. Whitmer won the primary contest in a three-way race with 52 percent of the vote.

Here's how to get help if the coronavirus put you out of work

By FRANK WITSIL
Detroit Free Press

Coronavirus has brought not just a public health threat, but now, a financial one, too, as hundreds of thousands of Michiganders – and millions more nationwide – are at risk of losing their jobs.

One of the first steps, the Michigan Unemployment Insurance Agency said, is filing for unemployment benefits, which, if approved, pay up to $362 a week.

As of 3 p.m. Monday, an estimated 600,000 people in Michigan's foodservice industry alone could temporarily lose their jobs as bars and restaurants have been ordered closed to help prevent the spread of coronavirus.

"The restaurant and lodging industries will be decimated in the coming weeks," said Justin Winslow, the president and CEO of the Michigan Restaurant & Lodging Association. "Our hospitality industry is going to need extra support from the community as it navigates the coming weeks and months."

State and federal officials are trying to sort out what – if any – additional unemployment and disaster relief will be offered and what changes might be made to the requirements to receive it.

The House has passed an emergency relief package that could provide aid to infected Americans, hourly workers and those who lose jobs because of the coronavirus outbreak.

But businesses and workers are bracing themselves for the economic fallout as events are canceled, supply lines disrupted – and folks find themselves out of work or with little income.

How to apply for unemployment

Unemployment compensation is available to folks who are temporarily out of work at no fault of their own.

State officials recommend applying for the benefit online at www.michigan.gov/uia, especially now, while many state employees are working remotely and call volume is up. Expect the process to take about 30 minutes.

To file, you will need your Social Security number; your driver's license; the names, addresses and federal ID number of your former employer, and if you are not a citizen, your alien registration number.

Your application will be evaluated to see if you are eligible and for how much money.

Currently, the rules require you to look for employment while you are receiving unemployment, but that is one of the requirements that may be relaxed during the coronavirus crisis because of the circumstances.

Some unemployment estimates

Since Sunday, five states and New York City have announced mandatory closures of bars and restaurants until at least the end of March, according to executive and business coaching Challenger, Gray & Christmas.

Michigan's bars and restaurants, as of 3 p.m., also were ordered to close.

In the five states that have already closed restaurants and bars, Challenger, Gray & Christmas said, there are 4.4 million hospitality and leisure jobs.

So far, corporate job cuts tied directly to the coronavirus outbreak are up to 634, according to the firm's tracking, and another 460 cuts were announced this month from services and entertainment companies due to a downturn in demand.

Federal government efforts

By declaring a national emergency Friday, the president said he would "unleash the full power of the federal government," waiving limitations on telehealth services, medical licensing and patient capacity at hospitals.

The House also passed an emergency relief package that – if approved by the Senate – could offer some economic relief to vulnerable Americans, including some paid sick leave.

The bill would provide aid to infected Americans, hourly workers and those who lose jobs because of the outbreak but it likely wouldn't keep the broader economy from slipping into recession, economists say.

The legislation, USA Today reported, expands "paid sick leave and medical leave, bolsters food stamps and unemployment insurance, and provides more federal funding for Medicaid. It also requires free coronavirus testing."

Proposals in the Senate include disaster unemployment assistance to folks who are sick, quarantined, furloughed, or whose family circumstances keep them from working or reduce their pay as a result of the coronavirus outbreak.

"Michiganders forced to stay at home from work due to coronavirus shouldn't need to worry about being able to pay their bills or putting food on the table," Sen. Gary Peters, D-Michigan, said. "We need to do everything possible to support workers and families during this challenging time."

Measures that have been proposed include waiving state waiting periods and work search requirements so workers can get the assistance they need sooner; setting a minimum amount of assistance; and money for state unemployment assistance.

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that when they order supplies, they sometimes are diverted.

"They don't arrive because we (nation) are at a situation of rationing," he said. "We're concerned, as all are concerned, that the reagents (chemicals) will be insufficient to go around the country."

Another measure the health system has taken to slow down transmission of the virus and to align with an executive order from Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer is to limit visitors to hospitals, outpatient locations and long-term care facilities.

"We're screening 100 percent of visitors for risk factors when they arrive at our door," he said. "And as of (Monday), we're screening all of our employees as well."

Hamel said that anyone who is sick should call the doctor's office, first, because as much care as possible is being given remotely.

"Anytime you keep sick people at home, it is safer for everybody else," he said.

He said the Spectrum Health System is the first in state and probably country to use chat box, natural language processing and artificial intelligence to provide free screening for anybody who is concerned about COVID-19.

Don Campbell / HP staff

A member of Spectrum Health Lakeland uses hand sanitizer during a news conference Monday regarding the COVID-19 outbreak.

"We are sharing that across the state of Michigan as well," he said.

He said the chat box is referring appropriate people to Spectrum Health's free virtual screening, where thousands of people have been screened.

In addition, he said many elective surgeries are being canceled.

More information and the virtual chat screening can be found at www.spectrumhealth.org/covid19.

"We implore you to take this seriously, not only for yourselves, but your family members, your loved ones, your roommates, your friends and your neighbors," he said.

People have been comparing COVID-19 to influenza, but he said that's not accurate because COVID-19 has no vaccine, no treatment, appears to be more readily transmitted between people and kills people much more slowly, meaning they spend long periods of time in intensive care units on ventilators.

In addition, the flu has a death rate of 0.1 percent or lower, while COVID-19's death rate may be as high as 4 percent.

"If that number is accurate, we will run out of hospital beds, we will run out of ICU beds and we will run out of ventilators and a lot of critical supplies," he said.

Hamel said there are several steps people can take to reduce the spread, including knowing the symptoms.

"There are lots of colds and flu around. Not everything is COVID-19," he said. "COVID-19 tends to produce a gradual onset of fever and cough. That cough may be dry or productive. It is often associated with shortness of breath and fatigue."

What is it not associated with are runny nose, sore throat, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea, he said.

People should:

- Stay home if you're sick.
- Call before you go to the doctor's office if you are sick. A lot of things can be taken care of at home and remotely.
- Wash hands frequently.
- Don't touch your face.
- Remind others not to touch their faces.
- Clean and sanitize any surface that is touched frequently.
- Sick people should use separate bedrooms and bathrooms than other family members if possible.
- Avoid crowds.

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COVID-19 concerns hit home at SJ City Hall

Several city officials in self-quarantine

By JIM DALGLEISH
HP Correspondent

ST. JOSEPH — St. Joseph's city manager, city attorney and one commissioner are in self-imposed quarantine as a precaution after showing flu-like symptoms, Mayor Mike Carey said at Monday night's City Commission meeting.

The announcement came before Garey and Public Works Director Tom McDonald outlined changes in city operations to confront the spreading COVID-19 virus. Among changes is the immediate closure of city offices to the public.

"Our goal is to provide essential services … albeit in a different way," McDonald told commissioners and audience members.

The different way is for people to contact city offices via email, mail, fax, internet and phones. Payments can be placed in the drop box at City Hall's Broad Street entrance. Appointments can be scheduled as necessary and appropriate.

The changes are in effect through April 3, but that could be delayed if the public health situation remains dire.

Commissioners and the 20 audience members sat in proper social distance from each other, as recommended by public health experts.

In addition, U.S. Rep. Fred Upton briefed commissioners on actions Congress is taking to head off the virus and ease the financial pain for workers and businesses.

Economic relief legislation passed the House on Saturday and awaits Senate action.

"This is to protect workers," Upton told commissioners. "This is not a bailout."

The House is in recess, but Upton said members are prepared to be called back at a moment's notice.

City Manager John Hodgson, City Attorney Laurie Schmidt and Commissioner Peggy Getty were unable to attend the meeting.

Terse agendas will be the case in the coming weeks, Garey said. He wants meetings to be kept to the bare essentials as a way to reduce possible exposure to the novel coronavirus.

Furthermore, he said, municipal officials have been asking state officials for leniency regarding Michigan's Open Meetings Act. Health officials are urging Americans to avoid public gatherings, and elected bodies may need to video-stream their meetings.

Among the measures announced Monday night:

■ Walk-in pickup and drop-off of drinking water lead and copper testing is suspended. People with unused kits should keep them unused.

■ Non-essential meetings are canceled or moved to other formats.

■ Public safety officers will reduce the amount of face-to-face contact with the public, though emergency services will provided as usual.

■ COVID-19 is not a threat to the water supply, but the filtration plant will adjust shifts to reduce exposure to workers.

■ Routine rental inspections are on hold.

■ Parking rules will be adjusted to allow restaurants to offer more take-out meals.

BRIDGE CLOSURE

Don Campbell / HP staff

Like most everything else, the Howard Family Trail Bridge in St. Joseph is closed. This project, however, has nothing to do with a virus. Work is now underway to repair rust and corrosion found in steel beams and joists. Repairs to the bridge are expected to cost about $156,500, including $16,000 to install erosion control at the substructures on the bluff side.

Coronavirus-related closings continue to mount

By HP STAFF

The following places/programs are closed and/or cancelled in an effort to help slow the spread of the corona virus:

The YMCA of Greater Michiana, now through March 31. All Y programs, workshops, events, and preschool classes have been suspended. It will continue to offer K-5 Emergency Closing Care. For more information, visit www.ymcagm.org/Coronavirus.

Honor Credit Union, open by drive-thru only, lobbies accessible by appointment for special circumstances, call 800-442-2800 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays. ATM and online banking still available.

St. Joseph Township Hall, now through March 31. Some services are still available, as employees will report to work. There will be a drop box to the left of the front entrance for payments or other correspondence. Call 429-7703 or visit sjct.org for details.

Coloma City Hall, now until further notice. Staff will still handle inquires and other township business. For questions, call 468-7212.

Hartford City Hall, now until further notice. All customer service for City Hall will be handled via telephone or email or by appointment far in advance. Many forms and transactions can be completed by going online at www.cityofhartfordmi.org.

Hagar Township Hall, now until further notice. Staff will still handle inquiries and other township business. For questions, call 849-0455.

All Van Buren District Library locations. Most materials can be renewed online at VBDL.org. Most materials can be renewed online, and other online services are available.

The St. Joseph / Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library, now through the end of March. A "drive-thru/pick up your holds" plan is being formulated. Call 983-7167 or visit the library on Facebook.

Bridgman Library, through April 6. Checked out materials should be kept at home, due dates will be extended and overdue fines will be waived. All library programs have been cancelled during this time. For more information go to www.bridgmanlibrary.com.

The BBQ, Blues & Bluegrass event in St. Joseph, has been rescheduled for Oct. 3. Tickets already purchased will be honored for the rescheduled date and ticket sales will resume in late summer. For more information, visit stjoetoday.com.

Region IV Area Agency on Aging and the Campus for Creative Aging in St. Joseph. All classes and public events are cancelled or postponed until after April 30. Essential services for seniors will continue at the Area Agency on Aging.

Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph, closed through April 3. Receive updates via Facebook and website.

The Box Factory for the Arts, St. Joseph, closed until at least April 1. Plans to resume gallery operations as soon as St. Joseph Public Schools return to operation.

Indiana Michigan Power will temporarily suspend all disconnections for non-payment. Michigan customers, call 800-311-6424. Indiana customers, call 800-311-4634.

Creative Therapy School of Massage in St. Joseph has canceled all massage appointments this week and next. Students there will at some point need to make up those hours of massages to get certified as massage therapists by the state.

Cass County Parks Department has canceled the Spring Egg-stravaganza event, which was originally scheduled for April 4 at Dr. T.K. Lawless Park. In addition, The Star Party and celebration of the International Dark-Sky designation of Lawless Park, originally scheduled for April 24-26 has been postponed to a date that will be announced later.

Baroda joins list of municipalities closing walk-in access

By WILLIAM F. AST III
HP Correspondent

BARODA — Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Baroda municipal building is shutting down to walk-in customers at least until Monday, April 6.

The closing will apply to both township and village offices, township Treasurer Brenda Troxell said at Monday's Township Board meeting.

Township and village officials "pretty much agree," Troxell said. "It's a health risk. We don't want people meeting and congregating."

The coronavirus "hasn't hit Berrien (County) yet," said Clerk Christina Price. "But it's coming."

"We need to take precautions to limit the exposure," Trustee Dennis Krotzer said.

Troxell said the Michigan Townships Association has determined that municipal offices are legally required to be open only for elections and public meetings of municipal bodies. But the closing doesn't mean residents can't get business done, she added.

Those who need to meet with township officials may call and make an appointment to meet, Troxell said. The phone numbers are listed on the township's web site, and will be posted on the building's front door as well, she continued.

Troxell told Supervisor Jim Brow there's no need for him to keep his regular office hours either.

"I'll probably come down anyway," Brow said. "Force of habit."

IN BRIEF

Mobile food pantry returns

The Feeding America mobile food pantry will make a few stops in Southwest Michigan this week.

It will be at the Lincoln Township fire station, 2130 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville, at 4 p.m. Wednesday.

It will make a stop at Chikaming Township Hall, 13535 Red Arrow Highway, Harbert, at 4 p.m. Thursday.

Finally, it will be at Brotherhood of All Nations Church of God in Christ, 516 Emery St., Benton Harbor, at 1 p.m. Friday.

For more information, visit www.feedwm.org.

Area nuclear plants say the power will keep flowing

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

It's widely known Cook Nuclear Plant in Bridgman and Palisades Power Plant in Covert have plans in case of earthquakes and other natural disasters.

They also have plans for pandemics, such as the current spread of coronavirus, or COVID-19.

Bill Downey, Cook plant spokesman, and Val Gent, Palisades spokeswoman, said both plants are on the same page as neighbors and industry peers.

Cook has about 1,100 full-time employees and Palisades has about 600 that they want to keep safe, but also keep producing safe and reliable energy for the hundreds and thousands of other people that are stuck in their homes.

"Cook plant's longstanding and long-practiced emergency preparedness plans, combined with AEP and Indiana Michigan Power's documented pandemic protocols, position us well to manage safe and reliable operation through the duration of the COVID-19 situation," Downey said.

Gent said Palisades remains safe, secure and stable, and there is currently no impact on the delivery of energy.

"We are confident our business continuity plan, which is specifically designed for these types of situations, will ensure the reliable delivery of electricity, as we respond appropriately to any potential risks," she said.

The plants are employing steps such as social distancing, including travel restrictions, meeting reductions, and tele-commuting for employees not considered essential for daily operation.

Downey said the Cook plant is also prepared to sequester critical employees, should that become necessary.

"We stand ready to do whatever we must to safely keep the power flowing for our customers," he said.

Gent said Palisades employees have been educated on self-checking for symptoms and other good hygiene precautions as well.

Like most places, the nuclear plants have also increased the frequency of disinfecting and cleaning common areas and items.

Gent said those items include door handles and hand geometry stations that are needed for plant access.

Palisades is also working closely with its suppliers to assess the potential impact to delivery of goods and services to the company.

Gent and Downey both said they continue to monitor the situation closely and are working with public health officials to implement any recommended public health measures as directed.

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BH to leave the water on during crisis

By LOUISE WREGE
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BENTON HARBOR — Benton Harbor city commissioners voted Monday to postpone all water disconnections and to reconnect households where the water has been shut off until the health crisis caused by the COVID-19 virus is over.

Mayor Marcus Muhammad said they are following the lead of other utility companies, like Indiana Michigan Power, that are suspending disconnections for non-payment as the coronavirus continues to spread.

"There's no end in sight at this particular time," Muhammad said.

He said this doesn't mean that residents don't have to pay their water bills, because the city is still tracking water usage.

In addition, commissioners approved buying parking kiosks from Total Parking Solutions that will read license plates and keep track of who is parking at Jean Klock Park, which has 381 parking spaces. The cost is $54,560.

Benton Harbor Deputy Director of Public Safety Mike Clark, who researched parking metering options, said the system will pay for itself in the first year.

"It can also be expandable to other parking lots as the city grows with business downtown," he said.

Clark said city residents will still be able to park at Jean Klock Park for free.

He said the system is similar to the one used by St. Joseph for Tiscornia Park.

City commissioners further approved:

■ leasing 38.41 acres of Jean Klock Park May 18-25 for $5,750 to the 2020 Senior PGA Championship;

■ rezoning the corner of Park and Fifth streets from light industrial to central business so the Mason Jar Cafe can build its new location there;

■ hosting the 2nd Annual Juneteenth Parade on June 20 and waiving fees and deposits for the use of Broadway and City Center parks.

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Coronavirus is socialism's best recruiter

A pandemic makes all of us a little bit more socialist.

That's because a virus does not respond to market incentives. It threatens absolutely everyone and is by definition a collective threat, as the term "community spread" reminds us. Containing it requires all of us to focus on the common good and respond to calls to altruism.

E.J. Dionne

Those who can survive the coronavirus, especially the young, are thus asked to take genuinely inconvenient steps, less to protect themselves than to mitigate the damage it could do to others, especially the old.

Understanding and defeating an epidemic requires a government that can effectively organize easy testing for millions – which is exactly what we haven't been able to do so far. But this means counting on competent, forward-looking agencies. Advocates of small government cheer "cutting bureaucracies" until we discover we need the bureaucracies that were "streamlined."

Thus has President Trump come under criticism for eliminating two teams set up to plan for, and deal with, health crises. His nasty word salad responding to the thoroughly appropriate inquiry about this from PBS's Yamiche Alcindor at his Friday news conference shows how vulnerable he must feel. As Laurie Garrett noted on Foreign Policy magazine's website in January, Trump ordered the National Security Council's "entire global health security unit shut down" in May 2018. It was set up by President Barack Obama after the Ebola crisis. This followed the dissolution of a center at the Department of Homeland Security charged with monitoring epidemics.

People who feel they might have coronavirus have a responsibility to get tested, right? But guess what? Those tests cost money. Rep. Katie Porter, D-Calif., did a whiteboard exercise at a congressional hearing last week when questioning Robert Redfield, the head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Robert Kadlec, the assistant secretary for preparedness and response at the Department of Health and Human Services.

First, she used her board to show that when emergency room costs were included, the price of a battery of tests would come to $1,331. Then, she got Redfield to acknowledge that he would like, in his words, "all of America" to be tested. Finally, she pressed him to "commit to the CDC, right now, using [its] existing authority, to pay for diagnostic testing, free to every American, regardless of insurance."

He was forced to give in to her logic. "I think you're an excellent questioner," he said, "so my answer is yes."

There you have it: In at least the one sphere of coronavirus testing, sheer common sense got a Trump administration official to agree to a smidgen of socialized medicine. Free testing was part of the "Families First" bill the House passed early Saturday morning that also includes initial other steps toward socially responsible policies, including family and medical leave coverage and enhanced unemployment insurance. If it's in everyone's interest for everyone to get tests, it's also in everyone's interest for the government to finance them.

Another way to contain the virus and the deaths it can cause is for sick people to get the care they need. Broad health insurance coverage and an excellent public health system are vital to this end. You don't have to agree with Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., on Medicare-for-all to acknowledge he had a point Thursday when he said: "Our country is at a severe disadvantage compared to every other major country on earth because we do not guarantee health care to all people as a right."

No, I don't expect this emergency to get members of the Business Roundtable to start singing "Solidarity Forever." But you would like to hope it would encourage a bit of rethinking among those who regularly hate on government bureaucrats, denounce experts as useless elitists, claim the market can solve every problem, and lament what a terrible imposition it is when workers' rights and benefits are imposed on our "job creators."

Might they now acknowledge that some problems can only be dealt with collectively through public action? In their book "The Cost of Rights," the scholars Stephen Holmes and Cass R. Sunstein spoke a truth we are too quick to deny: that "government is still the most effective instrument available by which a politically organized society can pursue its common objectives, including the shared aim of securing the protection of legal rights for all."

Yes, and also the shared aim of securing protection against a silent and invisible killer.

Markets are great at determining who produces the best stuff most efficiently. But life is about a lot more than stuff. And efficiency is not the only value. There's fairness, compassion and our responsibilities for one another. There are dangers out there that none of us can deal with alone.

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Sick with worry isn't just an expression

Two threads of interest have emerged from the coronavirus "crisis:" One is an apparent generational divide related to relative worry; the other is the degree to which the media are contributing to the virus' propagation.

I qualify "crisis" because, though we've had a steady rise in confirmed cases – and President Trump declared a national emergency Friday – a crisis seems yet to have occurred. This isn't to say that a crisis isn't in our future, but to suggest that the constant barrage of cataclysmic tidings, some of it false or misleading, could conceivably stress people's immune systems to the detriment of their health.

Kathleen Parker

Meanwhile, the crisis thus far is institutional and systemic. Our health care system is presently inadequate to the challenge of testing, which has helped reduce the virus' spread in other countries, and treatment, should the numbers of infected people suddenly explode. And the Trump administration's response, recently including the addition of at-large "fixer" and son-in-law Jared Kushner, has been inept to ludicrous. To wit: President Trump has said the media is creating hysteria in order to help defeat him in November. That would be a solid trick if most reporters weren't actually competing against each other while editors struggle to agree on the proper use of the semi-colon.

But then, blaming the media has always been the president's default mode when something careens out of his control. The difference this time is, literally, life and death. Trump supporters don't need another excuse to distrust the media, but they do need the president to shoot straight about the physical health of the nation.

That said, one might not be wrong to disconnect from whatever medium delivers the latest information. Obviously, we need to keep up, but folks like me who are umbilically connected to news channels risk making ourselves sick. The connection between elevated stress levels and reduced immunity is well-documented. Thus, it seems entirely feasible that we increase our vulnerability to disease and infection by being over-exposed to a continuing cycle of drastic news.

There's likely no great secret to be revealed by watching and listening endlessly to repeated messages of possible doom when the best advice thus far has been to wash your hands and keep them away from your face. To these caveats, I would add two words: leafy greens.

I'm not being cavalier, far from it. South Carolina, where I live, has at least 12 cases of the virus. Eight of them *are* in my small town of Camden (pop. 7,000). Four of those are close friends and neighbors over 80. So, no, I'm not making light of the virus. Nor, I hasten to add, am I in Camden right now.

But some people, specifically those over 60, apparently are taking the virus too-much-in-stride for their families' comfort. Twitter discussions in recent days have revealed worry among younger people that their parents and grandparents aren't sufficiently anxious. Anecdotally, they're correct.

Al, a 77-year-old mover who works at a younger man's pace, isn't worrying, he told me. Instead, he's focused on staying healthy rather than avoiding illness. Maria, 62, a Lowcountry interior designer, told me her adult son had called to check on her. Why, she asked? "Because you're old!" he said. My own son issued a similar warning to me: "You cannot get this, Mom, or you'll die." Yikes.

What's keeping seniors from taking the coronavirus seriously enough? In some cases, it may be a function of distrust in authority (think '60s), especially when dueling narratives between the White House and the media create confusion. Disinformation is, of course, this White House's specialty – and at least some on the Fox News Network regurgitate same. Even Fox medical expert described the World Health Organization as a "bunch of alarmists."

Others in Trumpworld and its outer realms have done their part to misinform. Renowned epidemiologist Rush Limbaugh has said that the virus is no worse than a cold, though real experts say it's 10 times more lethal than the regular flu. Shock-conspiracy theorist Alex Jones claims that people can cure themselves with his toothpaste. Those guys, always joking around.

On a positive note, the pace of testing and treatment does seem to have picked up, finally. It seems at least possible that Americans, through an abundance of individual caution, could possibly avoid the crisis we've been waiting for. In the meantime, I've made a conscious decision to minimize my exposure to the howls of the media's dire wolves. Not only will my immune system be spared the added stress but I'll have more time to power wash my house with Lysol.

Kidding, I think.

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LETTERS

Logging proposed in Weesaw Township park

Editor,

Some of the oldest and most beautiful trees in Weesaw Township's recently expanded park have been marked for removal, a possibility that has many of us concerned. The Township board has already obtained quotes from two lumber companies. But the board has now agreed to an open meeting in April to hear comments from residents.

The board maintains that the property along Weechik Road needs to be cleared for a planned expansion of the cemetery. We believe it is crucial that we save as many mature trees as possible to keep our lands as natural as can be.

A couple of years ago, Friends of New Troy volunteers worked with members of the township board to develop the Tirrell Trail. We believe we can work together again, to come to an agreement that meets the needs of the cemetery while preserving these woods that form such a valuable part of our heritage.

In 2017, Weesaw Township purchased 28 acres of woods and the Morley/Ballengee Marsh from Nancy Asselin for the purpose of expanding the park and cemetery. Prior to the years of Asselin's ownership, the marsh was skirted by a footpath that led from the present-day Community Center to the cemetery. Along the way, the path crossed two crumbling dams before following a bluff that offered views of the marsh and the old mill.

In the 1970s, Asselin closed the trail to walkers but portions of it still exist. Hike it today and you may be surprised by its rustic charm, expansive views and majestic trees. These trees, some as large as two-feet in diameter, have survived the axe, until now.

A proposed nature trail would pass through the newly acquired land, winding between these ancient trees before crossing the Morley/Ballengee Marsh and following the river to Mill Road Park. Creating the trail on the bluff would be somewhat easy, but crossing the marsh would be more difficult, presenting issues of funding for a bridge and boardwalk. Therefore, the trail is planned to be built in two stages, with the bridge and boardwalk tackled in stage two.

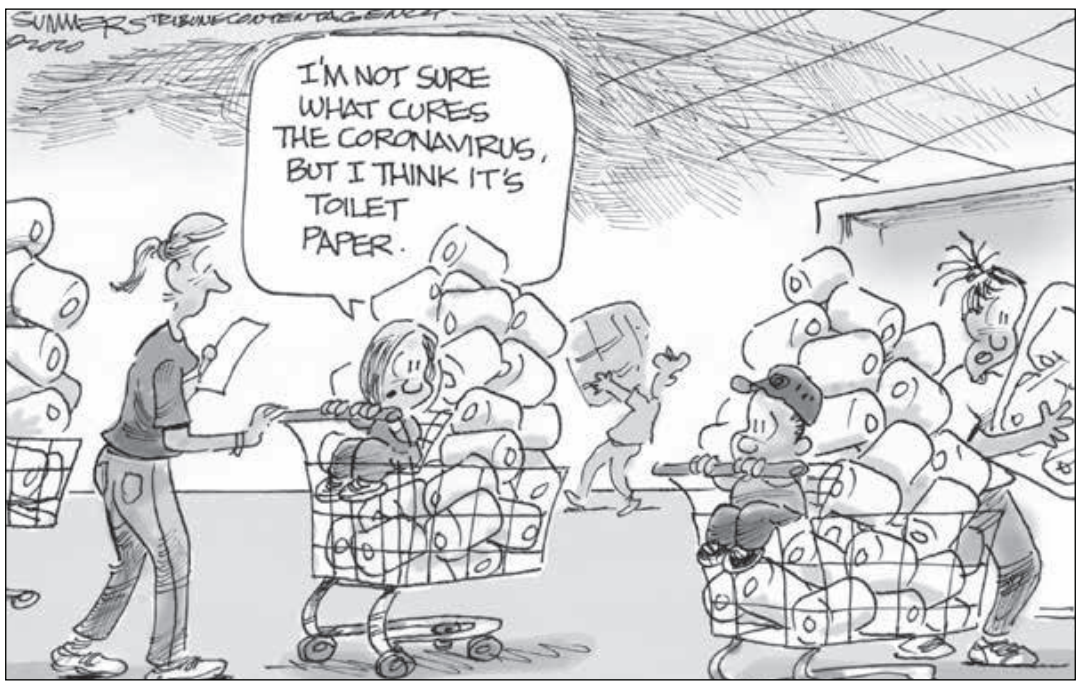
New Troy is the most populated community in Weesaw Township, and has the potential to benefit from its fortunate location on this picturesque bend of the Galien River. Our park in its natural state is a gem. With careful management and development that respects the value of its natural features, it could become one of the most beautiful and cherished parks in Berrien County.

I imagine Edward Warren faced a similar dilemma in 1879. Warren used his wealth to purchase 150 acres of virgin forest, creating the park we know today as Warren Woods.

Now, we residents of Weesaw Township need to ask ourselves: Do we want logging? Or do we want to preserve the abundance of nature that we already have?

We will keep you updated as to the date of the open meeting. Please plan now to come and make your voice heard.

Terry and Lorraine Hanover
New Troy



Seek reliable information about the coronavirus

Editor,

As more cases of the Coronavirus are confirmed in Michigan, I want to assure the residents of our community that our state and local health care officials are working diligently to contain the virus and protect Michigan residents.

In the coming days, I encourage you to seek accurate, reliable information about this public health crisis and work to help curtail its further spread. Please use effective preventive measures like washing your hands often with soap, staying home if sick, and cleaning frequently touched surfaces.

Reliable information about COVID-19, commonly known as the coronavirus, can be found at www.michigan.gov/coronavirus, and www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

Early last week, I supported an emergency budget action plan that included $25 million to assist in virus monitoring, testing and infection control. Right now, steps are being taken to help mitigate our risk and provide help to the people who need it. In addition to declaring a state of emergency, the governor has activated a state Emergency Operations Center to coordinate with state, local, and federal agencies to remain alert and help prevent the spread of the virus.

When Michiganders come together, we can tackle any issue that comes before our state. I want to thank Governor Whitmer, Speaker Chatfield, and Majority Leaders Shirkey for working together to address this issue quickly. As this situation unfolds, I will continue to closely watch the progress of state and federal officials to ensure they are doing everything they can to protect our community.

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to my office at 517-373-1403, or by email at PaulineWendzel@house.mi.gov.

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ANOTHER OPINION

Don't try to save the shipwrecks

The overflowing waters of Lake Huron and her angry waves have caused their fair share of havoc this fall and winter. Parks have flooded. Shorelines have eroded. Breakwalls have failed. Waters have reached far into the places people normally frolic.

And the big lake has pushed shipwrecks normally hidden in her depths far up onto shore, where they've been exposed to the sun and air, weakening the wood, which has then been further battered by waves.

Reporter Crystal Nelson last week brought us one such story: The remains of the wrecked Joseph S. Fay have been pushed inland some 25 feet from their original location off the coast at the 40 Mile Point Lighthouse. The remains are now up against the tree line, where waves and wind are bringing evergreens down on top of the wreck.

It's a sad and concerning story, but we would like to highlight one quote from lighthouse Caretaker Eric Klein: What's happening now is "just part of its natural progression," Klein told Nelson.

Indeed, we view our shipwrecks in Northeast Michigan as treasured museum pieces, because they are part of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary. But the sanctuary is a living museum, part of the elements, where its exhibits are susceptible to wind and waves and currents and even wildlife. They are preserved, but ever-changing.

That means the wrecks are still exhibits, even when they're beating thrust into the tree lines. And museum rules still apply: Look, but don't touch.

If you see a shipwreck or suspected shipwreck on the shoreline, leave it be. Call the sanctuary and let them assess and address the situation.

– The Alpena News.

OBITUARIES

Tina (Maruk) Flagel

Jan. 24, 1949 – March 7, 2020

Tina (Maruk) Flagel, 71, of Berrien Springs passed away into the loving arms and presence of the Lord Jesus Christ at 2:42 a.m Saturday, March 7, 2020, at Englewood Community Hospital in Englewood, Fla.

Tina was born Jan. 24, 1949, in International Falls, Minn., to John and Arlene (Clark) Maruk. The family moved to the Berrien Springs area in 1952. She attended Trinity Lutheran School through the eighth grade. In 1967, Tina graduated from Berrien Springs High School, where she loved sports, cheerleading, dance and several school clubs. With her bubbly personality and love for others, she easily made friends with her classmates and many others throughout the school. During most summers, Tina would work at the Sherburn Family Farms, carefully picking strawberries, raspberries, cherries and peaches. After graduating, Tina worked at Whirlpool Corporation, Schrader's Supermarket and Schug Drug Store. Tina and Tom Flagel married Feb. 28, 1970. (They celebrated their 50th anniversary this year, one week before her passing.)

Tom and Tina's children, Tim and Traci, plus granddaughters, Ashley, Delaney and Abby, were the love and joy of her life. She loved each of them unconditionally and beyond measure. Before transverse myelitis befell her in 1990, Tina realized the dream of her life by becoming a licensed beautician. She also opened her own beauty shop in her home and served many clients, each of whom she loved talking with and working "magic" on their hair. Tina was an inspiration to all who knew her. She exhibited God's love as a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt and friend to so many other people. She shared her smile, love and compassion with anyone she met. She lived her life of physical struggle knowing God's love and grace, and His love shined brightly through her. As family and friends, we rejoice knowing that she is now free from pain, sorrow and the confines of her wheelchair and illness.

Preceding her in death were her mother, Arlene (Maruk) Meade; and father, John Maruk.

Survivors include: husband, Tom Flagel; son, Tim Flagel; daughter, Traci (Joe) Haskins; and granddaughters, Ashley Lewis, Delaney Flagel and Abby Lewis. Also surviving are sister, Pat (Don) Geiger; brother, Ray (Barb) Maruk; and brothers-in-law, Dave (Beckie) Flagel and Doug Flagel. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and numerous personal friends.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Berrien Center Bible Church Care Ministry. Those wishing to share a memory of Tina online may do so at www.heritage-chapel.com.

Barbara Ellen Hopkins

Oct. 27, 1930 – March 13, 2020

Barbara Ellen Hopkins, 89, of Michigan City, Ind., passed away on Friday, March 13, 2020, at Rittenhouse Village in Michigan City.

Funeral services will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, 9191 Red Arrow Hwy., Bridgman. Friends may meet with the family from 4-6 p.m. prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be given to the American Heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674. Online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com.

Barbara was born Oct. 27, 1930, in St. Joseph, the daughter of the late Elwood and Mable (DeMorrow) Hopkins. On March 8, 1947, she married Lyle Vern Hopkins, who preceded her in death on Nov. 23, 2006. She and Lyle spent winters in Bayside, Texas, for 23 years. They belonged to the Friendship Club of Stevensville and the St. Joseph and River Valley Senior Centers. Barbara enjoyed dolls, arts and crafts and animals.

Survivors include her three children, Linda Hopkins, John Hopkins and Richard Hopkins; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and many great-great-grandchildren.

Barbara was preceded in death by her son, Larry Hopkins; granddaughters, Melissa Hopkins and Angela Kaczmarek; daughter-in-law, Cynthia Hopkins; and siblings, Timothy Hopkins, Beverly Fredericks, Peggy Emery and Marlene Jeschke.

LaVera Adeline Lawrenz

April 5, 1927 – March 15, 2020

LaVera Adeline Lawrenz, 92, of Bridgman passed away on Sunday, March 15, 2020, at West Woods of Bridgman.

A memorial service will be announced later. Online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com.

LaVera was born Tuesday, April 5, 1927, in Sawyer, the daughter of the late Clarence Robert and May Josephine (Woodrick) Ott Sr. She married William Lawrenz Jr. on Jan. 25, 1947. LaVera was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sawyer and was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bridgman, where she served on the Altar Guild and sang in the choir for many years. She was employed with Doug's Bakery in Bridgman for several years and eventually she was hired by Morgensen's Jewelry as a sales clerk.

LaVera is survived by her sons, Ronald (Sylvia) Lawrenz and Dennis (Deborah) Lawrenz; three grandchildren, Dawn (Lucas) McCotter, Julie (Aaron) Nitz and Katherine (Joshua) Crow; four great-grandchildren, Aurora and Lila Nitz and Sophie and Brenna McCotter; brother, Donald (Carolyn) Ott; and sister, Marlene (Earl) Anderson.

She was also preceded by her son, Robert; husband, William; four sisters, Edna Scharnowske, Doris Nitz, Darlene Frank and Arlene Smiley; and brother, Clarence Ott Jr.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Boyd Chapel of Pike Funeral and Cremations Service, 9191 Red Arrow Hwy., Bridgman. Online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com.

Stanley Ray Downey

May 15, 1956 – March 4, 2020

Stan Downey, 62, of Dowagiac entered into rest Wednesday, March 4, 2020, at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in South Bend, Ind.

Stan was born May 15, 1956, in Watervliet, to Woodrow Wilson Downey and Dovie Marie (Crowder) Downey. He attended Coloma Public Schools. Stan met the love of his life, Diana, and they were married July 25, 1986. Stan was a loving husband, proud Dad and adoring Grandpa. He loved his family and being with his brothers and sisters. Stan enjoyed classic movies, westerns being his favorite, and spending time with family and friends.

Stan was a hard worker known for his handyman skills and his ability to fix things. He worked for Mack Cement and later came to own the company. After selling the business, Stan worked for Burnette foods of Hartford for several years receiving apples.

Stan was preceded in death by parents, Woodrow and Dovie Downey; mother-in-law, Norma Jean Hardy; brother, Mike (Sue) Downey; and brother-in-law, Brian (Theresa) Stark.

He is survived by his wife, Diana; stepsons, Brian (Corrina) Sheridan and Bradley Sheridan; grandchildren, Micah, Emma Jean, and Lydia Sheridan; special friend, Dillon Mayes; brothers, Wayne (Sandy), Larry (Dovie), Guy (Judy) and Keith (Pam); sisters, Cis (Dewey) Hiler, Theresa Stark and Kim Copeman; as well as many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at Midway Baptist Church, 7517 Red Arrow Hwy., Watervliet. The family will welcome friends prior to services from noon-1 p.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Midway Baptist Church 7517 Red Arrow Hwy., Watervliet, MI 49098.

Don Poole

Funeral services previously scheduled for Don Poole of St. Joseph (complete obituary in Monday's edition), who died March 12, 2020, have been canceled due to the COVID-19 and the new recommendations from the CDC. A memorial service will be planned when things are safe. Please send condolences and share memories with the family online at www.allredfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family.

Death notices

Janet Carlile, 71, of Dowagiac died March 15, 2020. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Barbara E. Hopkins, 89, of Michigan City, Ind., died March 13, 2020, at Rittenhouse Village, Michigan City. Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3239.

Mattie Jones, 74, of Benton Harbor died March 12, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

LaVera A. Lawrenz, 92, of Bridgman died March 15, 2020, at West Woods of Bridgman. Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3239.

Larry McCarty, 71, of Benton Harbor died March 12, 2020, at home. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Daryl McClinton, 51, of Benton Harbor died March 9, 2020, at home. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Betty Bingham Peirce, 102, formerly of St. Joseph died March 13, 2020. McAlister-Smith Funeral Home, Mount Pleasant, S.C., (843) 722-8371.

Maebell Powell, 83, of Benton Harbor died March 11, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Arden D. Pridgeon, 95, of St. Joseph died March 16, 2020, at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Daryl E. McClinton

Aug. 11, 1968 – March 9, 2020

Daryl E. McClinton, 51, of Benton Harbor went home to be with the Lord on March 9, 2020.

A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, March 21, at the Reed Temple COGIC, Benton Harbor. The visitation begins at 11 a.m., followed by the service at noon. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbinsbrothersfh.com.

Daryl was born Aug. 11, 1968, to the union of Mark and Johnnie McClinton. He was affectionately called "Heavy D" or "Uncle Daryl." Daryl was a lifelong resident of Benton Harbor and a proud graduate of Benton Harbor High School's class of 1986.

Daryl loved the Lord and was baptized at an early age by his grandfather, Pastor L. C. Reed. He was a true servant and loved to be found working in the church. He was a member of The Chapel under the leadership of Pastor Phil Bubar, and also helped his brother whenever he could, Pastor Mark McClinton Jr., of Break Through Ministries.

Daryl leaves to cherish his memories: sisters, Sylvia Brown of Indianapolis and Loretta Razor, Diane Jones and Charlotte Jones, all of Benton Harbor; brothers, Ray McClinton, Jerry (Regina) McClinton and Mark (Ruthie) McClinton, all of Benton Harbor and Michael McClinton of San Diego; special grandchildren, DeVawen and Noah Nolan and G. DeAnthony Govain; five uncles; five aunts; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

Daryl was preceded in death by his parents, Mark Sr. and Johnnie McClinton; maternal grandparents, L. C. Reed and Lula Mae Reed; paternal grandparents, James and Willie Mae McClinton; two brothers; and three sisters.

Betty Bingham Peirce

Oct. 2, 1917 – March 13, 2020

Beloved Betty Bingham Peirce passed away peacefully on Friday, March 13, 2020, at 102 years of age.

She was St. Joseph's own artist and art teacher at St. Joseph High School for many years. She loved life and people and shared her light with everyone she touched. She lived long and well. Her gifts to others will be carried on by her former students and her very lucky family.

She is survived by daughter, Nancy Bingham; son, Gordon Bingham; grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Fear can take a toll on our mental health. Here are ways to cope

By ANGIE JACKSON
Detroit Free Press

When Hodari Brown noticed shoppers at a Sam's Club stockpiling bottled water and Lysol spray a few weeks before Michigan's first confirmed cases of the novel coronavirus, anxiety sent him into fight-or-flight mode.

Brown, 35, of Redford, has post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety and depression. Public displays of panic about the pandemic, such as shoppers emptying grocery store shelves, have exacerbated the symptoms of his mental illness.

"It creates that atmosphere for me of where I just need to leave this situation right away," he said. "For somebody like myself, it's creating a heightened alert. And it's one of those things where I need to make sure I keep my anxiety in check."

The outbreak of COVID-19 has thrust public health officials around the world into uncharted territory while shattering America's sense of normalcy. In Michigan, officials' attempts to slow the spread of the virus have prompted swift, and at times drastic, changes to everyday life, like the closure of all K-12 schools and widespread cancellation of public events.

Psychologists say the uncertainty of it all, coupled with the 24-hour news cycle, can take a toll on our mental health. Forty-million American adults – about 18 percent of the population – are affected by anxiety disorders each year, according to the Anxiety and Depression Association of America. Experts caution that people with mental health conditions can be especially vulnerable to stress triggered by the coronavirus pandemic.

"Patients with generalized anxiety are getting even more anxious," said Dr. Antonia Caretto, a clinical psychologist with a private practice in Farmington Hills. "I think it's the pandemic of hysteria that's really affecting them."

How to cope

As some people make light of social distancing, Anne Perry, area director of the Michigan chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, said it's an important time to check in on those who live with anxiety disorders. She encourages individuals who feel alone or overwhelmed to lean on their support groups.

"Now that schools are on break and people are going to be isolated more ... I think it's going to be a little more serious before it gets better," she said, referring to individuals who struggle with mental health issues. "We can use social media for good in that sense where we can kind of open up this discussion about how this is affecting our mental health."

Keri Black has obsessive-compulsive disorder and has learned in therapy to manage it by imagining situations that would prompt obsessive thoughts and practicing "sitting with the uncertainty." At 31, her OCD centers around fears related to her family and work. She's planned for many scenarios, but she never imagined anything like the coronavirus pandemic.

"I really struggle with that in this situation because it's so new. It's not something I've prepared for," said Black, who lives in the Toledo area and travels to Ann Arbor for treatment and support group meetings. "I never thought I'd have to be thinking about what happens when we run out of toilet paper because currently there is none at our local grocery store."

The coronavirus has been a focus of almost all of Dr. Jessica Purtan Harrell's client sessions in the past week. Harrell, a clinical psychologist in Farmington Hills who specializes in the treatment of OCD, said virus prevention presents a challenge for people who compulsively wash their hands or engage in other cleaning rituals. To those clients, she stresses the importance of not going beyond the recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"When you're prone to anxiety, more is not better," she said. "This is what's so tricky. In treatment, we usually swing the pendulum the other way and prevent washing for periods of time, and we can't do that now."

Technology and frequent news updates can feed into people's anxiety, said Harrell, who has heard stories of people checking the stock market every five or 10 minutes. To help temper trepidation, she recommends that people prone to anxiety limit their news intake about the coronavirus to once or twice a day, for specified periods of time.

"The constant influx of notifications on our phone keeps us so heightened. That's a huge thing. Turn off alerts and notifications," she said.

'Everybody's in the same boat'

Brown, the Redford resident, leads a peer support group through the National Alliance on Mental Illness Metro and has heard from members who've considered canceling their mental health appointments because of the coronavirus outbreak. He's encouraging them to keep up with their treatment unless they're ill.

"A setback for someone with a mental illness can be a setback for a year," he said.

In Oakland County, public mental health network leaders are discussing telehealth treatment for Medicaid patients in light of the coronavirus outbreak. Dr. Nicole Lawson, deputy executive director and chief operations officer of the Oakland Community Health Network, said Thursday that those talks were ongoing with the local Michigan Department of Health and Human Services office. The roughly 28,000 residents served by the system include adults with a mental illness, people who have an intellectual or developmental disability, children with serious emotional disturbance, and people with substance use disorders.

For 28-year-old Toni Lupro, the coronavirus pandemic has revealed how far she's come in therapy for OCD and anxiety. Fears of contamination have dominated her life in the past, but the arrival of COVID-19 in Michigan hasn't caused her to regress.

Lupro, of Ann Arbor, is a student at the Wayne State University School of Medicine. In her rotations at a family medicine clinic, she's noticed that everyone seems to be affected by anxiety about the coronavirus.

"It's kind of good to realize that everybody's in the same boat. Even people who've been physicians for 30 years, we all don't know necessarily what is going to happen," she said. "I think that is kind of scary to the public. I think that helps me to know it's not necessarily an irrational thing."

The CDC offers the following tips for coping during the COVID-19 outbreak:

■ People with pre-existing mental health conditions should continue with their treatment plans during an emergency and monitor for any new symptoms.

■ Avoid excessive exposure to media coverage of COVID-19.

■ Take care of your body. Take deep breaths, stretch or meditate. Try to eat healthy, well-balanced meals, exercise regularly, get plenty of sleep and avoid alcohol and drugs.

■ Make time to unwind and remind yourself that strong feelings will fade. Take breaks from watching, reading, or listening to news stories. It can be upsetting to hear about the crisis and see images repeatedly. Try to do some other activities you enjoy to return to your normal life.

■ Connect with others. Share your concerns and how you are feeling with a friend or family member. Maintain healthy relationships.

■ Call your health care provider if stress reactions interfere with your daily activities for several days in a row.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

The familiar howl of the Amtrak train whistle will continue to echo through St. Joseph for at least three more months since state officials gave the service a second chance.

"This gives the local communities an opportunity to try and do something," said Tim Hoeffner, manager of rail passenger service for MDOT. Amtrak and MDOT officials began negotiating possible continuance of the service after communities along the line formed an alliance to protest the closure.

35 years ago – 1985

An estimated 4,500 people braved temperatures that hovered in the low 30s despite sunny skies to watch Coloma's fifth annual St. Patrick's Day Parade this afternoon. Fifty parade units followed the traditional green stripe in the center of the parade route through downtown Coloma.

Mark Rankin, 38, of Watervliet, topped 12 contestants to win the best beard award sponsored by the Coloma Sesquicentennial Committee.

50 years ago – 1970

The undefeated Eau Claire High School basketball team had a street named in its honor by the village council last night. The Beavers play Stockbridge tomorrow night at Marshall in the state basketball tournament quarter finals. The one-block long "Beaver Street" runs east and west between First and Second streets in Eau Claire.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, March 17, the 77th day of 2020. There are 289 days left in the year. This is St. Patrick's Day.

Highlight in history:

On March 17, 1988, Avianca Flight 410, a Boeing 727, crashed after takeoff into a mountain in Colombia, killing all 143 people on board.

On this date:

In 1762, New York held its first St. Patrick's Day parade.

In 1776, the Revolutionary War Siege of Boston ended as British forces evacuated the city.

In 1912, the Camp Fire Girls organization was incorporated in Washington, D.C., two years to the day after it was founded in Thetford, Vermont. (The group is now known as Camp Fire.)

In 1936, Pittsburgh's Great St. Patrick's Day Flood began as the Monongahela and Allegheny rivers and their tributaries, swollen by rain and melted snow, started exceeding flood stage; the high water was blamed for more than 60 deaths.

In 1958, the U.S. Navy launched the Vanguard 1 satellite.

In 1969, Golda Meir became prime minister of Israel.

In 1973, U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Robert L. Stirm, a freed prisoner of the Vietnam War, was joyously greeted by his family at Travis Air Force Base in California in a scene captured in a Pulitzer Prize-winning AP photograph.

In 1992, in Illinois, Sen. Alan Dixon was defeated in his primary reelection bid by Carol Moseley-Braun, who went on to become the first black woman in the U.S. Senate.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Showers Likely	Rain Likely	Rain Likely	Partly Cloudy
41°	33°	46° / 36°	57° / 48°	50° / 27°	33° / 26°

Local Outlook

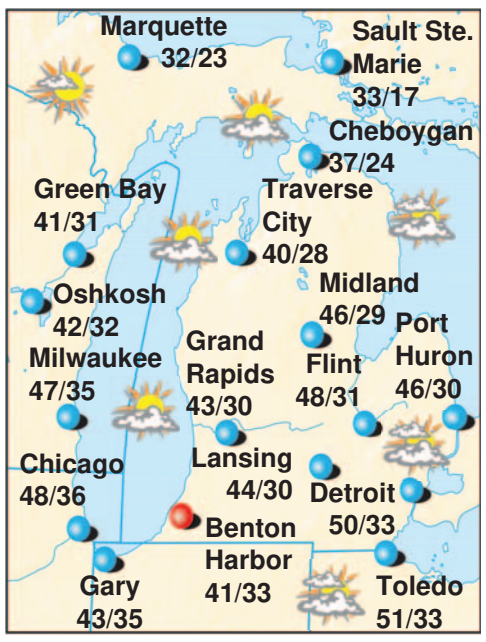
Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 41°, humidity of 64%. West wind 3 to 13 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 33°. East southeast wind 2 to 7 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 28°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	7:53 a.m.
Sunset	7:55 p.m.
Moonrise	4:14 a.m.
Moonset	1:27 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
3/24	4/1	4/7	4/14

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature	
High	40°
Low	26°
Normal High	47°
Normal Low	29°
Record High	81° in 2012
Record Low	15° in 2014
Precipitation	
Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.62"
Normal for month	1.19"
Year to date	5.54"
Normal Year to date	4.36"

Air Quality

Yesterday	27
Main Offender	Ozone

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

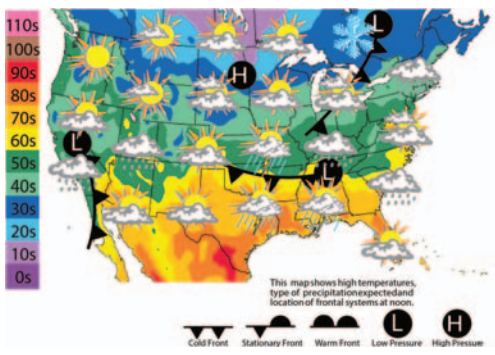
Weather Trivia

Why does lightning seem to flicker as it flashes in the sky?

Answer: Lightning is not just a single stroke, but a succession of many strokes.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for March 17, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, W wind 10 to 13 kt. A slight chance of showers. Waves around 3 ft. Water temperature 36 degrees. Tonight, Variable winds less than 5 kt. Increasing clouds. Waves 1 to 2 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy to mostly cloudy with highs in the 30s and 40s. West wind 9 to 19 mph. Expect mostly cloudy to cloudy skies Wednesday with scattered rain and snow, highs in the 30s. East southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with highs in the 40s and 50s. West wind 3 to 13 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday with scattered showers and rain, highs in the 40s. East southeast wind 7 to 10 mph.

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more liquidity for small businesses struggling to make payroll and keep their doors open."

"We remain committed to working collaboratively with the governor and other elected leaders to safely navigate the immediate threat from COVID-19 and look forward to collectively working to rebuild Michigan's hospitality industry," said Justin Winslow, president and CEO of the association.

Winslow said in a news release the association supports the governor "in her decision to limit restaurant operation to carry-out, drive-thru and delivery during these extraordinary times."

There are more than 16,000 eating and drinking establishments in Michigan, employing more than 450,000 people and generating $17.9 billion in estimated sales, said Emily Daunt, a spokeswoman for the Michigan Restaurant & Lodging Association.

A day earlier, many leading local restaurants such as Lady of the House and Mudgie's Deli in Detroit and Mabel Gray in Hazel Park had already taken the proactive step to shutter temporarily without waiting for Lansing to act, though some were planning to stay open until the government told them otherwise.

Mike Ransom, the chef-owner of three Ima Noodle restaurants in Detroit and Madison Heights, was waiting for a directive to close before pulling the plug. He said his decision was on the advice of his insurance agent.

"We're not closing until the city or state tells us to," Ransom said Sunday evening, noting that business was down as much as 65 percent at his recently opened Midtown location of Ima.

Still, he said he didn't want to just pull the plug, opting for a gradual drawdown of hours and services instead.

There was also the fear, Ransom said, that closing up before the government mandated it could lead to a forfeiture of any potential insurance claim.

Attorney General Dana Nessel said Whitmer's action was "necessary and appropriate in light of the extraordinary circumstances in which we find ourselves and we will be working with our state, county and local law enforcement partners to enforce the order."

Nessel said her thoughts are with the workers and businesses in the food and hospitality industries. "It is heartbreaking that an industry built on service to others must be shut down to help protect and keep safe the families they call their customers and friends. In an effort to help them through this difficult and unexpected shutdown, I am asking our partners in the state and federal legislature to look for ways to help alleviate the financial impact of this shutdown."

The governor's decision Monday helped end some of the uncertainty plaguing bars and restaurants.

Mudgie's owner Greg Mudge had already made the tough call to close on his own, but applauded the governor's decision.

"It ends the stress everyone is going through wondering what we should do," Mudge said. "It levels the playing field. I just wish we'd had this plan three days ago."

Monday's action by the governor follows Sunday's announcement that the Michigan Gaming Control Board is working to close the three Detroit casinos under its jurisdiction.

Tribal casinos around the state are not under the jurisdiction of state authorities.

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Hartford, Dowagiac and South Bend) until March 30, and it has postponed upcoming performances, including Little River Band, Melissa Ethridge and Aaron Lewis. The casinos were to close early Tuesday morning. More information is available at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov and www.fourwindscasino.com.

Company officials said Four Winds employees will be compensated during the closure.

The governor's order also includes theaters. Celebration Cinema in Benton Township is now closed until further notice. Online purchases will be automatically refunded and guests who bought tickets in person will receive a readmit pass. For more information, call 934-7469.

In St. Joseph, Brian Maynard, who with his wife Barbara owns Forte Coffee, said the situation is especially challenging for a young business such as theirs, which opened about 14 months ago.

"But I think people come first. Obviously this is something that's unprecedented in any of our lifetimes. I trust this is the right thing to do. Things will have to be sorted out," Maynard said. "Public safety is paramount, and we'll figure out the business ramifications later. Will it harm us financially? Absolutely. Our business was getting on track, and had continued to pick up. We're optimistic we'll get past this as a business and a community."

He said the vast majority of customers have been very supportive, with some having re-loaded their prepaid cards with $100, helping with immediate cash flow.

"We'll still be open for carry-out, so people can call (769-0050) and we'll have orders ready. And we're still open to sell bagged coffee."

Maynard said he and his wife have talked and want to find a way to make whole their seven employees.

"There are various legislative measures being talked about that will provide some manner of relief. Several employees told me today they'd be willing to be here even if we couldn't pay them. That's how dedicated our staff is," he said.

Kathy Thornton, owner of Thornton's Home Town Cafe, said the popular eatery in St. Joseph will offer curbside takeout service in addition to DoorDash delivery. She said customers can call in an order, pay with their credit or debit card, pull up to the back door or one of the front parking spots and a worker will bring the order out when notified by phone of the customer's arrival.

The curbside takeout is available regular hours 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. by calling 983-0932.

Thornton said many of her customers are regulars.

"I think it's a very unfortunate circumstance that we've been subjected to a virus that could cause so much havoc in our nation. It's nobody's fault. At first it was March 31 but now (the governor) is not committing to an end date. We just don't know, so I get that. This is uncharted territory, that's the scary part," she said.

Thornton said she has eight employees, and will keep one staff member a day working for the takeout orders.

"Then we'll see how it goes. If I don't have income, I can't pay people. All the restaurants and bars are in the same situation I am," she said. "There's nothing we can do but pray."

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Don Campbell / HP staff

Parking spaces in downtown St. Joseph are reserved for 5-minute pick-up only in response to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's order on Monday of the closing of all restaurants and bars in Michigan, in efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

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hp SPORTS

Five Brandywine, four ML players earn All-BCS honors

By HP STAFF

The Brandywine and Michigan Lutheran girls basketball teams were well-represented in the Berrien-Cass-St. Joseph Conference's all-conference selections released on Friday.

The Bobcats' starting five was named to the All-Red Division team and four players from the Titans' starting lineup made the All-White Division team.

Zakiyyah Abdullah, Maliliyyah Abdullah, Kennedy Byrd, Megan Schmidt, and Alexis Rhodes made the team, with Zakiyyah Abdullah earning Red Division MVP after leading the Bobcats to an undefeated BCS Red season (10-0, 22-2) and a Division 3 regional semifinal appearance.

Berrien Spring's Hillary Dortch and Buchanan's Faith Carson, Hailey Jonatzke, and Claire Lietz were also named to the All-Red Division team.

All-Red Honorable Mention honorees include Berrien Springs' Kym'meisha Ellis-Davis and Taneya Shivers, Comstock's Macy Cannon and Brionna Tiffany, Bridgman's Talea LaVanway and Olivia Tomlin, Parchment's Rachel Maxey and Kasey Leckie, and Buchanan's Emma Lozmack.

Lutheran's Mara Rugen, Jessi Jewell, Rebekah Hisle, and Abby Harris made the All-White division. Rugen was named White Division MVP for the second straight year.

The Titans finished BCS White play with a 13-1 (22-2) record and advanced to the Division 4 regional final before the Winter season was suspended due to COVID-19 concerns.

New Buffalo had a trio of players earn All-White honors in Mary Mayer, Abigail Vitale, and Nadia Collins. River Valley's Lucia Rico and Emma Springer, Lake Michigan Catholic's Maggie Tidey and Emily Lage, and Lawrence's Kaylee Stroud were also named to the All-White team.

Michigan Lutheran's Maria Rush, New Buffalo's Aaron James, River Valley's Hailey Hauch, Lawrence's Savannah Peek, and Countryside's Carolyn Deneaau were named All-Red Honorable Mentions.

MLB delays opening day to mid-May at earliest due to virus

By RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Major League Baseball pushed back opening day until mid-May at the earliest on Monday because of the new coronavirus after the federal government recommended restricting events of more than 50 people for the next eight weeks.

Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred made the announcement following a conference call with executives of the 30 teams.

"The clubs remain committed to playing as many games as possible when the season begins," the commissioner's office said in a statement.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended Sunday that gatherings of 50 people or more be canceled or postponed across the country for the next eight weeks.

"The opening of the 2020 regular season will be pushed back in accordance with that guidance," Manfred said.

No telling at this point when games will start. The All-Star Game at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles on July 14 could be in jeopardy.

MLB called off the rest of the spring training schedule on Thursday and said opening day, which had been scheduled for March 26, was postponed for at least two weeks. Teams and players agree that two to four weeks of additional spring training will be needed before the regular season begins.

Under an agreement last week, between MLB and the players' association, players are allowed to decide whether to stay at spring training or go home, but some teams have ignored that deal and told players to leave.

The players' association sent an email to agents on Monday saying that for players who went home or to their team's regular-season city it would pay $1,100 allowances through April 9 to players on 40-man rosters as of March 13. That amount also would go to players with minor league contracts at big league spring training who were on 40-man rosters at the end of last season.

The union is negotiating with MLB over resetting the dates for players with opt-out clauses in their deals, and the sides are likely to agree on a roster freeze. They are discussing the possibility of payments to major league players who have not reached the point of big-money deals to make up for paychecks they won't be getting in April and May.

This year marked the earliest opening day other than for international games. As it stood, Game 7 of the World Series would have been Oct. 28, and teams

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Sue Ogrocki / AP

A gate at the Chicago Cubs practice facility at Sloan Park in Mesa, Ariz., is closed and locked on Monday. The remainder of spring training baseball games have been canceled due to the coronavirus.

Frank Victores / AP

In this Dec. 1, 2019 photo, Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver A.J. Green practices before a game against the New York Jets. The Bengals used their franchise tag on Green, giving them time to try to work out a long-term deal with the star who is one of the most accomplished receivers in franchise history and would be a vital part of breaking in a new quarterback.

Sign and stay home

NFL bars players and team personnel travel in free agency

By BARRY WILNER
AP Pro Football Writer

The NFL has barred in-person interviews with free agents and is requiring local physical examinations for them rather than team-conducted exams.

In a memo sent to the 32 franchises on Monday, the league also banned travel by team personnel to meet with free agents as well as those players traveling to team facilities. The league's business year begins Wednesday, and the period in which players' representatives could negotiate with clubs began Monday – though no deals could be finalized.

All offseason activities such as meetings, practices and minicamps, have been delayed indefinitely as a safeguard against the new coronavirus. No players can enter a club facility through March 31, with the exception of those receiving medical treatment.

The restrictions were first reported by ESPN.

Earlier, things just got hotter on offense in the desert.

The first day that players' representatives could talk with teams wound up being more about trades than free agents – with one of the NFL's biggest stars, DeAndre Hopkins, headed to Arizona.

In a stunner that overshadowed several other trades and a slew of offers to unrestricted free agents, the Texans sent their three-time All-Pro receiver to the Cardinals for running back David Johnson, a second-round draft pick this year and a fourth-rounder in 2021.

Several Cardinals players not surprisingly reacted positively to the move on social media. Quarterback Kyler Murray, the NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year, responded with a " LET'S GET RIGHT! @DeAndreHopkins " while wideout Christian Kirk added " 10 + 11 + 13 = SCARY SIGHT. Welcome to the squad bro let's eat! "

The NFC champion 49ers got into the bartering, too. They dealt top defensive tackle DeForest Buckner to Indianapolis for the No. 13 pick in this year's draft, which, incidentally, won't have any public events next month in Las Vegas – if it is even held there as originally planned.

A person familiar with the deal said Buckner will receive a new contract worth $21 million a year from the Colts. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal and contract can't be finalized until the start of the league year Wednesday.

The trade came just after San Francisco opted to keep another standout lineman, Arik Armstead, who got a five-year deal worth $85 million.

"I'm excited to continue my career with the 49ers, the organization that gave me a chance by drafting me five years ago," Armstead said. "They have given me the platform to give back to my community and play the game I love at the highest level, and I am just getting started."

The NFL's business year is just getting started, as planned, despite the spread of the new coronavirus. For now, all moves are being done remotely with basically a ban on travel within the league.

For most people, the new coronavirus causes only mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia.

The vast majority of people recover from the new virus. According to the World Health Organization, people with mild illness recover in about two weeks, while those with more severe illness may take three to six weeks to recover.

Also traded was Baltimore tight end Hayden Hurst to Atlanta, which is losing TE Austin Hooper to Cleveland in free agency. The Ravens received second and fifth-round picks in this year's draft, and the Falcons got a fourth-rounder.

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Bears are in talks about multiple quarterbacks, including Dalton and Foles

By COLLEEN KANE
Chicago Tribune (TNS)

The Chicago Bears reportedly are zeroing in on a new quarterback.

But which one depends upon whom you ask.

Within the first few hours of the free-agent negotiating period Monday, the Bears were linked to the Saints' Teddy Bridgewater, the Bengals' Andy Dalton and the Jaguars' Nick Foles.

Pro Football Talk's Mike Florio first reported the Bears were talking to Bridgewater about a deal that would make him the new starter over Mitch Trubisky. Initial numbers on a contract for Bridgewater would be in the range of $21 million per year, Florio reported.

Of course, the Bears aren't Bridgewater's only suitors. The Buccaneers, who are rumored to be vying for Tom Brady, could turn to Bridgewater should Brady sign elsewhere. And not long after Florio's report, NFL Network reporter Mike Garafolo indicated he didn't think Bridgewater would land with the Bears.

A source then told the Tribune that the Bears reached out to the Bengals and Jaguars about trade possibilities for Dalton or Foles.

Bridgewater, 27, went 5-0 in five starts with the Saints in 2019 while Drew Brees was injured. That included a 36-25 victory over the Bears.

He was a first-round pick by the Vikings in 2014 and started 28 games for them before he suffered a gruesome knee injury in 2016. Bridgewater has started six games since the knee injury. He completed 67.9 percent of his passes for 1,384 yards with nine touchdowns and two interceptions for the Saints in 2019.

After nine seasons with the Bengals, Dalton, 32, could be headed to a new home. The Bengals have the top pick in the draft and might select LSU quarterback Joe Burrow.

Dalton started 13 games in 2019, completing 59.5 percent of his passes for 3,494 yards with 16 touchdowns and 14 interceptions.

Foles, 31, signed a four-year, $88 million contract with the Jaguars last March, but he broke his collarbone in Week 1. Rookie Gardner Minshew filled in well over the next nine games. Foles returned to start three games in mid-November but was benched in favor of Minshew.

NHL pushes back timeline on return to ice

By STEPHEN WHYNO and JOHN WAWROW
AP Hockey Writers

The NHL is pushing back the possibility of resuming its season by several weeks, if not a month or more.

The league and NHL Players' Association told players Monday they can go home – even out of North America – and must self-isolate through March 27 while the season is on hold amid the coronavirus pandemic. But the NHL also cautioned that it will not be able to even provide guidance on the potential reopening of team practices for another 45 days, which could push any potential return to play into May.

The new directives come on the heels of the CDC's recommendation against gatherings of 50 or more people in the U.S. for the next eight weeks. The NHL said "depending on world developments," consideration will be given to reopening facilities after the self-quarantine period ends in late March but practices for the 31 teams would not happen late April – at the earliest.

"I think in light of the CDC recommendations, it's hard to foresee that we're looking at much happening here in March or even April, in my opinion," agent Jay Grossman said.

NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman and NHLPA executive director Don Fehr each said Friday he was not aware of any player testing positive for coronavirus.

NBA Commissioner Adam Silver last week said his league's hiatus would likely last at least a month. After saying last week the season was on "pause," Bettman had not put a time frame on when the NHL might resume play.

"The pause will be until it's appropriate and prudent

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Report: Augusta National to close by end of week

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

Augusta National first postponed the Masters. Now the home of the Masters is closing its club.

Golf Digest obtained a letter from Chairman Fred Ridley to Augusta National members that says the club will close by the end of the week because of increasing concerns over the new coronavirus and how it might affect the staff.

The club would confirm only that a memo had been sent.

"Beginning today, we are taking the necessary steps to curtail our operations so, by the end of this week, the Club will be closed until further notice," Ridley said in the memo obtained by Golf Digest.

Ridley said the grounds would be maintained with limited personnel and said other duties would be handled remotely. He said he would review the situation and send timely updates, and he thanked the members for "patience and trust as we plan for the realities of this pandemic."

The Masters was scheduled for April 9-12. This will be the first time since 1946 – when the Masters resumed after World War II – that golf's most viewed tournament is not the first full week in April. Augusta National closes about a month after the Masters for the summer and reopens in October.

Still to be determined is when it could be rescheduled, which is the club's plan. Ridley's letter comes one day after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended that events of 50 or more people be shut down for eight weeks.

That would last until the second full week in May.

Still up in the air is the second major of the year, the PGA Championship, scheduled for May 14-17 in San Francisco.

The PGA of America on Monday postponed its annual championship for club professionals that determines which 20 play in the PGA Championship – but that's assuming the major is held.

The PGA Professional Championship was scheduled for April 26-29 in Austin, Texas. If the PGA Championship is held, the leading 20 club pros from its player-of-the-year points standings in 2019 would be selected.

The PGA of America says it is staying in touch with officials from San Francisco and state leaders in California, evaluating plans and keeping health the highest priority. San Francisco was among six Bay Area counties that were issued an order Monday for residents to stay inside and to venture outside only for necessities for the next three weeks.

The PGA Tour already has canceled three events leading to the Masters. The tour has not said what it would do in response to the eight-week recommendation from the CDC. After the Masters, the next four PGA Tour events are in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina; New Orleans; Charlotte, North Carolina; and Dallas.

The CDC said events of any size should be held if they can adhere to guidelines for protecting vulnerable populations, hand hygiene and social distancing.

The PGA Tour originally contemplated finishing The Players Championship last week and playing its next three events with no fans, limiting the presence on the course to three players and three caddies on each hole, along with a walking score and minimal marshals.

Meanwhile, the PGA Tour Champions said it was canceling the MasterCard Japan Championship in Chiba on June 12-14.

"The potential logistical issues associated with players and staff traveling to and from Japan limit our ability to successful stage the 2020 event," said Miller Brady, president of the 50-and-older circuit.

Lynne Sladky / AP

A grounds crew worker waters the 18th green after the PGA tour canceled the rest of The Players Championship on Friday.

Athletes try to stay fit amid coronavirus outbreak

By TALES AZZONI
Associated Press

MADRID — Standing in his living room with family photos in the background, the fitness trainer for Spanish soccer club Leganés started the day's online session.

Using an elastic band, a couple of large water bottles as weight and a chair, Pol Lorente began demonstrating the exercises players had to do back home while in a lockdown caused by the coronavirus outbreak in Spain.

Monday's live session was transmitted online through the Twitch app, and the club opened the feed to anyone who wanted to participate.

"The idea was to work a bit with the players, and since the state of emergency was declared, the club thought it would be good to open the session for everyone else who wanted to follow it," said Lorente, using a Leganés training uniform and wearing glasses that perfectly fit the "harrypottercdleganes" username in which the online session was streamed.

Elsewhere, Real Madrid captain Sergio Ramos posted a video of himself training at his home gym with his three kids playing by his side, while Barcelona showed goalkeeper Marc-André ter Stegen jumping ropes and doing other exercises in the backyard.

Spain entered a lockdown on Saturday, with the government limiting people's movements across the nation to try to contain the rapid spread of the virus that has infected more than 169,000 people and caused 6,500 deaths worldwide.

The outbreak prompted the suspension of sporting events around the world, and forced athletes to find ways to stay fit. Quarantined countries like Spain were the most affected ones, and teams have taken steps to keep players active while stranded at home.

Barcelona, leading the Spanish league and still in the Champions League, said it prepared individualized training guidelines for its players and was monitoring them remotely.

"The coaches will be in constant contact with the players to supervise and monitor sessions," the club said. "At the moment, these training programs are scheduled for the next seven days and will be renewed until a return to group training."

Barcelona said players will have to continue to "follow the nutritional guidelines they have already maintained throughout the season," and each player "has been following an individual plan."

"It is an exceptional moment and we have to follow all the recommendations from the health authorities and public authorities," Lionel Messi said in a message posted on his Instagram account. "That is the only way that we can fight it effectively. It is time to be responsible and stay at home.

"Let's hope we can turn this situation around, the quicker the better."

The Spanish soccer federation had said before the lockdown that teams should stop any group activities. Some players and team members of first-division teams have been among those infected by the virus, including Valencia defender Ezequiel Garay.

The entire Real Madrid squad entered self-isolation last week after a player from the club's basketball team, which shared training facilities with the soccer squad, tested positive.

Leganés, a small team based in southern Madrid, suspended its training sessions last week after the club's general director tested positive.

For most people, the virus causes only mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia. The vast majority of people recover.

In England, Premier League team Chelsea was among those in quarantine after winger Callum Hudson-Odoi tested positive last week. The club posted a video of its striker, Tammy Abraham, exercising on a stationary bicycle, apparently at home.

Not every Chelsea player got the memo, though. Mason Mount was pictured on Sunday in north London playing soccer with friends, including Declan Rice, a midfielder for West Ham – a Premier League team that isn't in lockdown. Chelsea reprimanded Mount and also took the opportunity to remind the rest of the squad about its responsibilities.

Other clubs in England were training according to their normal schedule, while waiting for more announcements from the league and the British government. Manchester United put some restrictions at its training ground, though, particularly around first-team areas.

OTHER SPORTS

French cyclist Geraint Thomas, a two-time Olympic gold medalist, was participating in online races to try to stay fit, while Spanish karate athlete Sandra Sánchez, a gold-medal favorite at the Tokyo Games, was practicing on a tatami at home. Spanish gymnast Cintia Rodriguez was among those practicing in a living room while in a lockdown in Spain. In Canada, NBA player Serge Ibaka built his "own little gym" to stay in shape.

"Sending love and positivity to everyone staying at home during this health crisis," the Toronto Raptors player wrote on Twitter. "I hope some of you feel inspired to exercise at home and to stay healthy and in shape!"

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and players could push the postseason into November.

Any change to the 162-game schedule would necessitate bargaining over an array of issues, including when and how much players get paid and how much major league service they are credited for. Service time determines eligibility for free agency and salary arbitration.

MLB had not had a mass postponement of openers since 1995, when the season was shortened from 162 games to 144 following a 7 ½-month players' strike that also wiped out the 1994 World Series. Opening day was pushed back from April 2 to April 26 and player salaries were reduced by 11.1 percent because the games were lost due to a strike.

After a 32-day spring training lockout in 1990 caused opening day to be delayed a week until April 9, the season was extended by three days to allow each team a full 162-game schedule.

Baseball's first strike lasted from April 1-13 in 1972, and the season started April 15. Teams played 153-156 games.

The 1918 season was cut short because of World War I. Provost Marshal Gen. Enoch Crowder announced a regulation on May 23 that men not involved in useful occupations appear before the draft board.

The War Department initially did not rule baseball was non-essential under the "work or fight" order but Secretary of War Newton D. Baker announced on July 26 that baseball had to comply by Sept. 1. After some negotiation, the regular season ended Sept. 2 with teams playing 123-131 games, and the Boston Red Sox beat the Chicago Cubs in a World Series played from Sept. 5-11.

Also Monday, MLB and the union announced a joint donation of $1 million to Feeding America and Meals on Wheels America, aimed at fighting hunger resulted from school closures and quarantines.

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Fourteen franchise tags were handed out, the most since 2012, with only one quarterback, the Cowboys' Dak Prescott. The other biggest names among those franchised were Titans running back Derrick Henry; Bengals receiver A.J. Green; Chiefs defensive tackle Chris Jones; and Buccaneers linebacker Shaq Barrett, the league leader in sacks in 2019.

The move by Tampa Bay with Barrett almost assures that quarterback Jameis Winston is headed elsewhere.

Franchise tag values range from $26.824 million for a quarterback, to $17.865 million for a running back to $17.788 million for a defensive end/edge rusher; to $5.019 million for kickers.

Running back Kenyan Drake got a transition tag from Arizona, but with Johnson traded to Houston, he has an open path to the starting job.

In case you're wondering, no word out of the Tom Brady camp on a potential landing spot for the six-time Super Bowl champion should he leave New England.

In other pending deals or moves:

■ Free agent tackle Jack Conklin has agreed to a three-year, $42 million contract with the Browns. A 2016 All-Pro as a rookie, he will get $30 million guaranteed and earn $20 million in his first year.

■ Defensive end Shaq Lawson has agreed to a $30 million, three-year contract with Miami. The contract could be worth up to $36 million, and $21 million will be guaranteed. Lawson spent his first four NFL seasons with the Bills and last year had a career-high 6 ½ sacks, which would have led the Dolphins.

■ Minnesota reached an agreement with punter Britton Colquitt on a three-year, $9 million contract in which he will get $5 million in guaranteed money.

■ Washington agreed to re-sign inside linebacker Jon Bostic to a $6.6 million, two-year deal. He was tied for second on the team with 105 tackles in 2019.

■ Two veterans retired: Ben Watson and Ramon Foster.

Watson, a 39-year-old Patriots tight end, is concluding a 15-year NFL career that included two stints in New England, as well as stops in Cleveland, New Orleans and Baltimore. Watson retires with 547 catches for 6,058 yards and 44 touchdowns. And a Super Bowl ring.

Foster, 34, is an 11-year veteran who made the Steelers as an undrafted rookie free agent out of Tennessee in 2009. He became a steadying force on a unit that evolved into one of the league's best.

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and safe to start back up," Bettman said last week. "Nobody knows how long the hiatus may be. Nobody, even the medical community, can predict it with certainty."

The U.S. government has imposed a travel ban from Europe for non-citizens that extends until mid-April. There are currently 233 European players on NHL rosters, including leading scorer Leon Draisaitl from Germany, and there are more on contracts who are in the minors. How many might return home is unknown.

"I've spoken to some players who are doing their best to obviously scramble to return to the safest, most comfortable environment that they can get to at this point," Grossman said.

The NHL suspended its season with 189 games remaining before the playoffs. Bettman said he remained optimistic about resuming and still awarding the Stanley Cup, which has only not been handed out twice since 1893: 1919 (Spanish flu outbreak) and 2005 (lockout).

NHL players previously were directed to stay in their team's city and wait. The league and union had discussed the possibility of players returning to team training facilities within the next week or so, but that plan has changed.

"We'll be constantly in touch with the NHL and constantly re-evaluating," Fehr said last week. "Any date you pick out is merely going to be a best guess and it has about as much likelihood of being right as any other best guess."

Deputy Commissioner Bill Daly told The AP teams had been instructed to take care of arrangements for and pay players under contract.

Arizona Coyotes defenseman Aaron Ness became the first NHL player publcly known to have been tested for COVID-19. Agent Neil Sheehy said results came back negative after Ness followed NHL guidelines to seek out testing for flu-like symptoms.

The American Hockey League, the NHL's top minor league teams, said the indefinite suspension of its regular season won't be lifted before May. The league also said it was recommending its teams work on returning players to their primary homes.

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

KELLEY'S BOWL

KELLEY'S BOWL – Nate Schuman 739 (267), Adam Darling 653 (234), Labry Schlutt 678 (234), Aaron Collins 637 (225), Rob Retz 605 (225), Rick Lambrect 638 (245), Kristine Mahler 509 (221), Michele Briney 548 (185).

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
American League

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Selected the contract of INF Joe Panik from Buffalo (IL). Placed RHP Yennsy Diaz on the 60-day IL.

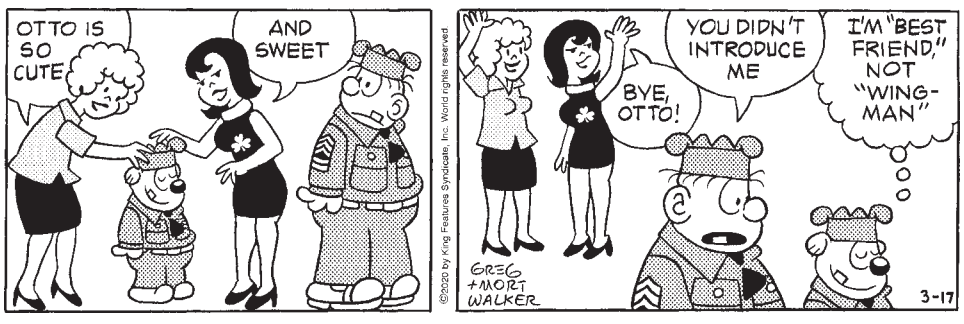
FOOTBALL
National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Placed franchise tag on RB Kenyan Drake.
ATLANTA FALCONS — Released TE Ty Sambrailo and TE Luke Stocker.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Placed franchise tag on WR A.J. Green. Announced tendered contracts to TE Cethan Carter, G Alex Redmond, DT Josh Tupou and S Brandon Wilson.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Announced tendered contract to RB Kareem Hunt, and exclusive free agent rights to TE Pharaoh Brown, RB Dontrell Hilliard and WR KhaDarel Hodge. Released S Morgan Burnett.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Released DT Margus Hunt.
MIAMI DOLPHINS — Announced tendered contract to LB Vince Biegel and P Matt Haack.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Placed franchise tag on OL Joe Thuney.
NEW YORK GIANTS — Placed franchise tag on DT Leonard Williams.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed DL Arik Armstead to a five-year contract extension. Signed T Shon Coleman to a one-year extension.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Placed franchise tag on LB Shaquil Barrett. Re-signed OL Jason Pierre-Paul to a multi-year contract.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Agreed to terms with T Dennis Kelly on a multi-year contract.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

NEW YORK RANGERS — Agreed to terms with D K'Andre Miller on an entry-level contract.

BEETLE BAILEY



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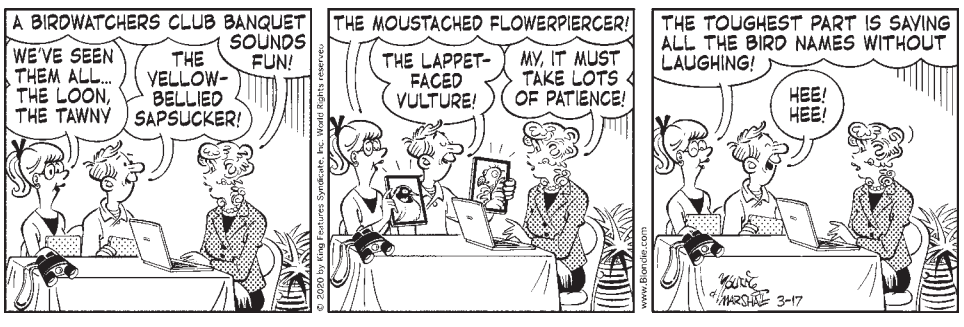
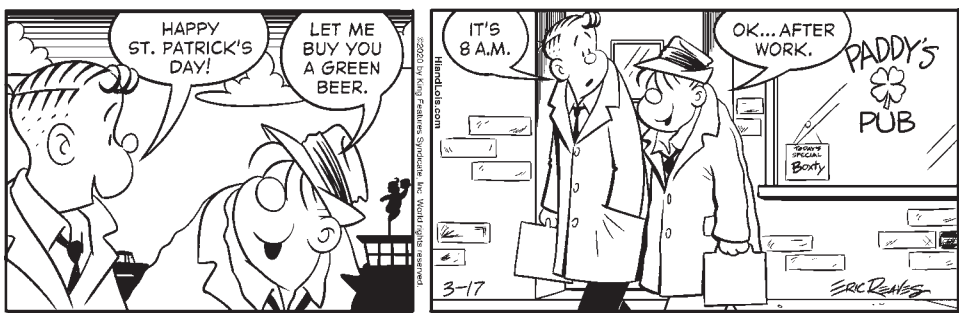

A BIRDWATCHERS CLUB BANQUET SOUNDS FUN!
WE'VE SEEN THEM ALL... THE LOON, THE TAWNY
THE YELLOW-BELLIED SAPSUCKER!
THE MOUSTACHED FLOWERPIERCER!
THE LAPPET-FACED VULTURE!
MY, IT MUST TAKE LOTS OF PATIENCE!
THE TOUGHEST PART IS SAVING ALL THE BIRD NAMES WITHOUT LAUGHING!
HEE! HEE!
3-17

HI & LOIS



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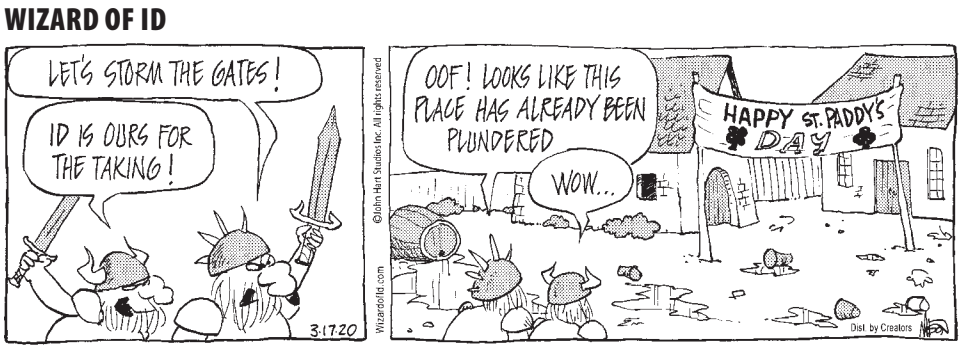
LET'S STORM THE GATES!
ID IS OURS FOR THE TAKING!
3.17.20
OOF! LOOKS LIKE THIS PLACE HAS ALREADY BEEN PLUNDERED
WOW...
HAPPY ST. PADDY'S DAY
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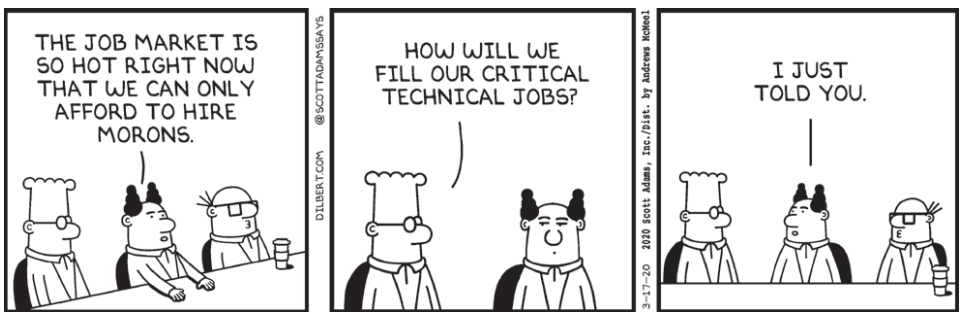
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HOW WILL WE FILL OUR CRITICAL TECHNICAL JOBS?
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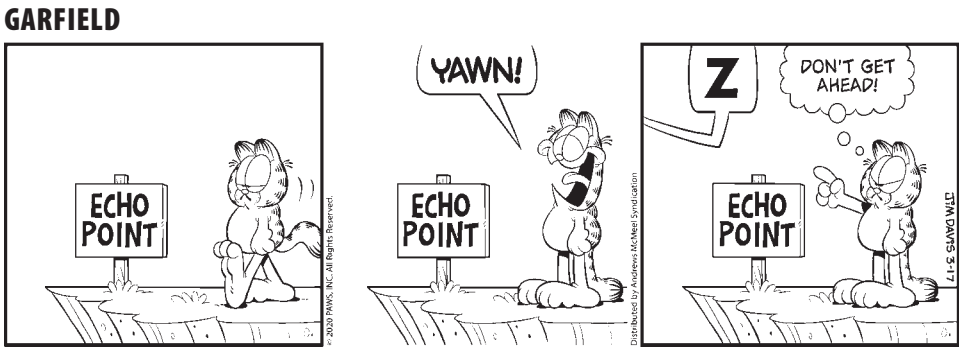

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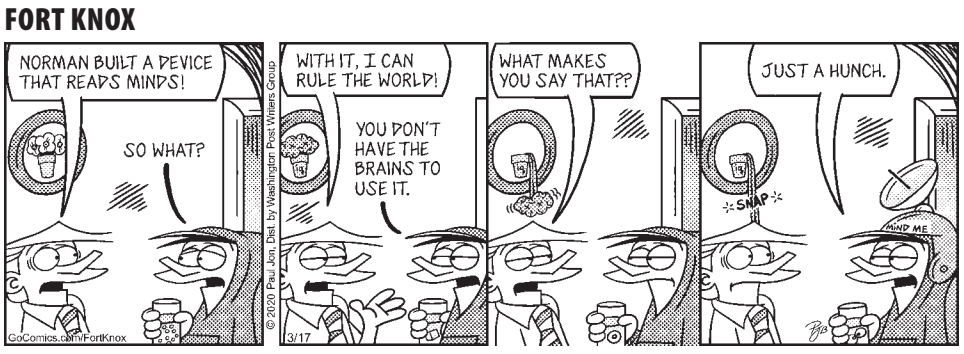

PICKLES

WHY ARE YOU STARING AT YOUR HAND, EARL?
IT LOOKS LIKE I WROTE MYSELF A NOTE IN BLUE INK, BUT I CAN'T READ IT. I GUESS IT GOT SMUDGED.
LET ME SEE IT.
IT'S A BRUISE FROM WHEN YOU GOT YOUR HAND CAUGHT IN THE VENDING MACHINE.
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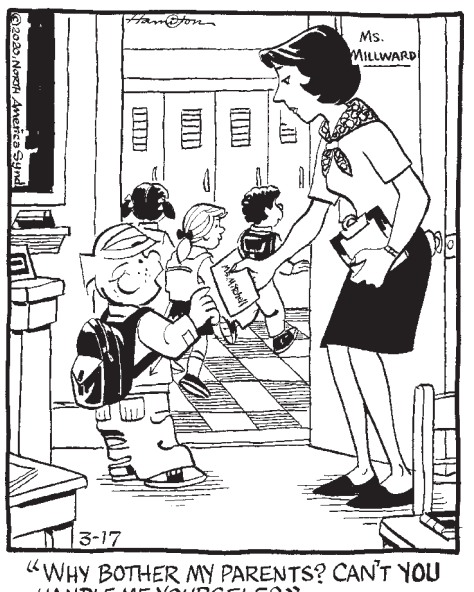
FAMILY CIRCUS

Despite this latest report from Billy, we have word that Daddy is returning home tomorrow.

DENNIS THE MENACE



"WHY BOTHER MY PARENTS? CAN'T YOU HANDLE ME YOURSELF?"

BABY BLUES

SORRY. I SAW THE CANDLES, AND I THOUGHT "POWER OUTAGE" INSTEAD OF ROMANCE.
HUMPH!
WREN JUST BARFED ON THE FLOOR.
HOW CAN I MAKE IT UP TO YOU?
WITH A BUCKET AND A SPONGE.

CURTIS

ONION, IT'S OUR FREN' CURTIS WIMPKINS
OH NO, DERRICK AND ONION!
YO' MAMA'S SO DUMB SHE THINKS CHOCOLATE MILK COMES FROM BROWN COWS!
HA, THAT IS DUMB! AIN'T IT DUMB?!
BRAY
BRAY
BRAY
THE FUTURE COMEDY DUO OF SAN QUENTIN
BRAY HA! BRAY! HA HA
BRAY!
3-17

ZITS

YOU ACTUALLY MADE COFFEE MIXED WITH LUCKY CHARMS CEREAL?
IT'S A CRAFT BREW.
IT'S PRETTY SURPRISING THAT NOBODY THOUGHT OF THIS BEFORE ME.
9-17
YEAH. COFFEE HAS ALWAYS SUFFERED FROM A LACK OF MARSHMALLOWS.
SO YOU'RE A FAN?
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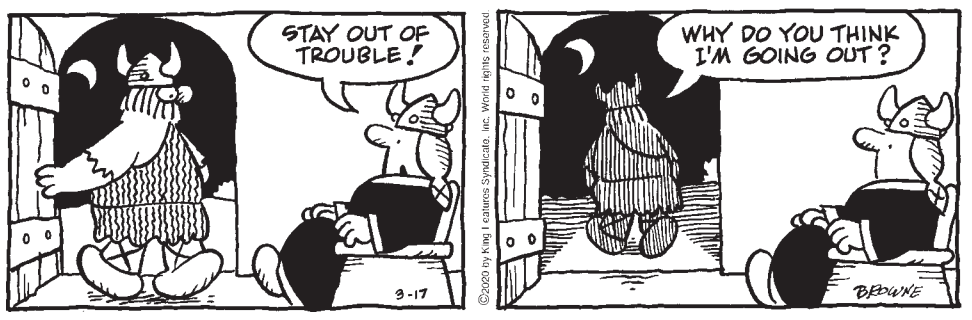
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

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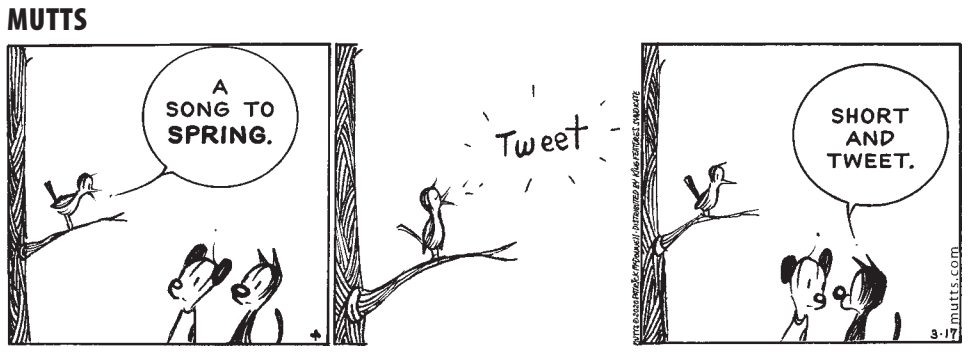

SALLY FORTH

PRIME TIME TV

TUESDAY EVENING MAR. 17

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	The Conners (N)	Bless This M.	mixed-ish (N)	black-ish (N)	For Life Marie recommits to Aaron's case.	
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	NCIS A possible terrorist plot is revealed.		FBI Jubal must make a difficult decision.		FBI: Most Wanted "Predators" (N)	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	Ellen's Game of Games (N) CC		This Is Us "After the Fire" (N)		:01 New Amsterdam "Liftoff" (N)	
FOX 17 22 28 32	Modern Family	The Resident "So Long, Dawn Long"		Empire "Come Undone" (N)		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Steves' Europe	Niall Ferguson's Networld "Disruption"		Niall Ferguson's Networld (N) CC		Niall Ferguson's Networld CC	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	The Flash "The Exorcism of Nash Wells"		DC's Legends of Tomorrow (N) CC		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. CC		Chicago P.D. Antonio returns to work.		Chicago P.D. "Outrage" CC (DVS)	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	The Flash "The Exorcism of Nash Wells"		DC's Legends of Tomorrow (N) CC		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland "No Regrets" CC (DVS)		Highway to Heaven "Playing for Keeps"		The List (N) CC	Celebrity Page (N)
WGN 9	News	WGN News Election Special Coverage of the Presidential Primary. (N) (L) CC				WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 "Spree Killer" CC		The First 48: My First Homicide (N)		:02 The First 48: My First Homicide (N)	
AMC	Deep Impact ('98)	🎥 ★★★ Star Trek ('09) Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto. Chronicles the early days of the starship Enterprise and her crew. CC					
Animal	Peterson	Coyote P	Coyote P	Homestead Rescue		Homestead Rescue	
BET	★★ Tyler Perry's Good Deeds			🎥 ★★ Daddy's Little Girls ('07) CC			
Big Ten	To Be Announced			To Be Announced			
Bravo	Vanderpump Rul	Vanderpump Rules "Jax's Last Hurrah"		Vanderpump Rules Jax and Brittany ceremony is stylish. (N)			Vanderpump Rul
Cartoon	Apple	Home	Burgers	Burgers	Rick	American	American
Cinemax	6:20 🎥 ★★ Stay	🎥 ★★ Halloween ('18, Horror) Jamie Lee Curtis, Judy Greer, Andi Matichak. CC				9:50 🎥 ★★ The Dead Don't Die ('19)	
CMT	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	Shark	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Profit (N) CC	
CNN	America's Choice 2020: Super Tuesday (N) (L) CC						
Comedy	Office	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Yankers
Discovery	:00 Moonshiners	Moonshiners: Outlaw Cuts (N) CC		Moonshiners "Best Served Cold" Josh smashes obstacles in his way. (N) CC			
Disney	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Gabby	Sydney	Just Roll	Coop	Sydney
DIY	Salvage	Building Off the Grid		Building Off the Grid		Building Off the Grid	
E!	Walk the Line ('05)	🎥 ★★★ Walk the Line ('05) Joaquin Phoenix. CC					
ESPN	NIT Basketball Tournament			2020 NIT Basketball Tournament			
ESPN2	NIT Basketball Tournament			2020 NIT Basketball Tournament			
ESPNC	6:00 NBA	MLB Baseball				MLB Baseball	
Food	Chopped	Chopped CC		Chopped (N) CC		Supermarket	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	To Be Announced				Pistons Live (N)		Snow
Freefrm	Twilight: Extended	🎥 ★★ The Twilight Saga: New Moon ('09) Kristen Stewart. Bella finds herself drawn into the world of werewolves. CC					
FX	★ Grown Ups 2	🎥 ★★ Pitch Perfect 3 ('17) Anna Kendrick, Hailee Steinfeld, Rebel Wilson. CC				🎥 ★★ Pitch Perfect 3 ('17) CC	
Golf	Skill	Feherty CC		Tiger Woods - Chasing History CC			
Hallmark	Royally Ever After	🎥 The Last Bridesmaid ('19, Romance) Rachel Boston, Paul Campbell. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	Mr-Mrs Smith	Westworld Stuck in a loop. CC		:15 🎥 ★★★ John Wick: Chapter 3 -- Parabellum ('19) Keanu Reeves. CC			
History	Oak Is	Digging Deeper		Curse-Island		Project Blue Book	
HGTV	Love-List	Love It or List It (N)		Unsella	Unsella	:01 One of a Kind (N)	
Learning	Fabulous	Fat Fabulous		I Am Jazz Jazz seeks emotional well-being.			
Lifetime	Grey's Anatomy	🎥 ★★ Kidnap ('17, Action) Halle Berry, Sage Correa, Chris McGinn. CC				:03 🎥 ★★ The Call ('13) Halle Berry.	
MSNBC	:00 Decision 2020 (N) CC						
MTV	Teen OG	Teen Mom OG (N)		:01 Teen Mom OG		Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Pregame	NHL Hockey Chicago Blackhawks at Minnesota Wild.					Postgame
NFL	NFL Total	NFL Total Access		NFL Total Access		NFL Total Access	
Nick	Substitute	Henry Danger CC		Dylan	Friends	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Port Prot.	Life Below Zero		Life Below Zero		Extreme Rescues (N)	
Oxygen	:00 Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D. "A Night Owl" CC		Chicago P.D. CC		Chicago P.D. CC	
Parmt	🎥 ★★ Men in Black 3 ('12) Will Smith. (P).					Ink Master (N) CC	
Showtime	:00 Homeland	🎥 ★★★ Green Book ('18) Viggo Mortensen, Mahershala Ali. CC				:10 Black Monday	:42 Black Monday
Starz	:13 🎥 ★★ Anger Management ('03) Adam Sandler. CC			Outlander "Perpetual Adoration" CC		🎥 ★★ Vertical Limit ('00) CC	
STZENC	6:56 🎥 ★★★★ Dances With Wolves ('90) Kevin Costner. A Union officer befriends the Lakota. CC					🎥 ★★ Waterworld ('95) CC	
SyFy	G.I. Joe: Cobra	🎥 Leprechaun's Revenge ('12, Horror) Billy Zane, William Devane. CC				🎥 Leprechaun Returns ('18) CC	
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Miracle Workers
TCM	Young Cassidy	🎥 ★★★★ The Quiet Man ('52) John Wayne. An Irish-American returns to Ireland to claim his home.					Finian's Rainbow
TMC	6:20 🎥 Shaft ('00)	🎥 ★★★ The Bank Job ('08) Jason Statham, Saffron Burrows. CC				🎥 ★★ Hotel Artemis ('18) CC	
TNT	Pirates of the Caribbean			🎥 ★★ The Legend of Tarzan ('16)			
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Adventures "Ghostly Outlaws" (N)				Portals to Hell (N)	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Everybody Raymond		Raymond	Two Men	Two Men
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		The Biggest Loser "Boosting Morale"		:01 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
VH1	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out
WGN-A	:00 🎥 ★★ Tears of the Sun ('03, Action) Bruce Willis, Monica Bellucci. CC				🎥 ★★ Tears of the Sun ('03, Action) Bruce Willis. CC		

Well-meaning grandmother is criticized for helping too much

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are not on the same page about helping with the grandkids. We moved here six years ago to be closer to my daughter, her husband and their two daughters. The older one is 9, and the younger is 6.

Although the 6-year-old has multiple physical challenges and developmental delays, our son-in-law thinks "we" babysit far too often. My intention is to help my daughter with the challenges that a special needs child presents to the family. Mostly, I am the one providing the care; my husband does the minimum.

Every time I agree to watch the children, I feel huge stress because I know my son-in-law will complain about it. It's tearing me apart. Thank you for listening. Just writing this helps. – Helping In The East

DEAR HELPING: I agree that parenting a child with special needs is challenging. You are a loving, caring mother and grandmother, but this is something your daughter and her husband have to reach a meeting of the minds about. The last thing she needs is dissension in her household. Counseling for them might help your son-in-law understand that your daughter's health might be compromised if she does everything herself. Some sort of compromise about your level of involvement could be key.

As to your husband, I'm not sure what more you think he should be doing. He agreed to move closer to your daughter so you could help her. It has to have been disruptive for him. Please give him points for that, because I do.

DEAR ABBY: I have a couple of weddings coming up, and I have a small dilemma. They are both in my husband's family and only a month apart. One is his brother's, and the other is his cousin's. My question is, can I wear the same dress to both weddings?

I normally don't care about what people think, but I also don't want to be the subject of ridicule or scorn at a family event. I'll also add, it's not about financial concerns. It's just that it's a beautiful dress, and I really don't see the point in going out and getting another fancy dress. I worry about pictures at both weddings. I guess I'm confused and could really use some advice. – Beautiful Dress In The Midwest

DEAR BEAUTIFUL DRESS: You are not a Hollywood actress during awards season, who "must" have a radically different look for each ceremony. Your family weddings are special events, but there is no reason you can't use the dress you have in mind for both. If you're afraid it may cause a problem in wedding photos, consider accessorizing your dress differently for each one – gold jewelry for the first, silver for the second and a different colored shawl or wrap. I'm sure you can pull this off. Please write back and let me know.

CONFIDENTIAL TO MY IRISH FRIENDS:

May you always have
A sunbeam to warm you
Good luck to charm you
And a sheltering angel
So nothing can harm you.
Laughter to cheer you
Faithful friends near you
And whenever you pray,
Heaven to hear you.

Happy St. Patrick's Day! – Love, Abby

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Did I make a mistake moving for new job?

Carolyn Hax

Carolyn Hax is away. The following first appeared Oct. 16, 2005.

DEAR CAROLYN: I'm a 32-year-old single guy, and I recently moved to a new city for a change of pace and took a job that I now find is largely unfulfilling and boring. I have few friends here, just dropped out of graduate school and don't really know what to do with my life.

A year ago, I would have said I was happy and content at my previous job in another city. Any suggestions on what could have gone wrong? I can't bring myself to ask my friends and family because I don't want them to think I made a bad decision or have somehow failed in this new endeavor. – Adrift

DEAR ADRIFT: What good are failure and bad decisions if you can't share them with friends?

If you're not ready to laugh about this yet, then just flip it around: What good are friends and family if you can't share your failures with them?

These people know you, love you, care about you. They'll be a lot more useful than I can in ferreting out what went wrong and why.

That is, if anything did go wrong. Maybe this is a natural adjustment phase that's already starting to pass. Maybe this is the bottom you needed to hit, to force you to dig for your true talents, needs and priorities. Maybe it took a change of pace for you to appreciate how well your old job and city suited you. Maybe you were right to leave your old job but not your city, or your city but not your job; maybe you were right to leave job, city and school, and it's just your Plan B that needs tweaking.

Maybe you need some perspective. Wrong job, wrong city? Oops. Bummer. Next.

Maybe failure needs me as its PR person, because it's near the top of everyone's list of horrors – only death and bad haircuts give it any significant challenge, and not necessarily in that order – and yet often it's the one thing that lies between you and the happiest place you've ever been. Kind of like bridge traffic en route to the beach.

I realize this all must sound oppressively chipper to someone stuck in bridge traffic with no perceivable end. But I think it's important that you not lose sight of the fact that the worst phases of your life are still phases, and there will be an after – one that is an improvement by definition.

It's especially important to keep this in mind when you're depressed, which you might be; please start the regrouping process by checking out depression symptoms at nimh.nih.gov, and then talking to your doctor, if needed.

Also, make one small change to your life that you think will make it better. And I mean small: Take walks during your lunch hour, or read every day or eat better. Then give it some time, and make another change – another small one, or one that's a little bigger, like acquiring a skill you've always wanted, or joining a group/club/team.

And again, please talk to your family and friends throughout. Go visit them, even. Say as much or as little as you're ready to say. Opt to confide in the warmest, least critical family member or friend. Laugh at yourself. Try again. Fail. Repeat.

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1 Islet
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7 Court case
11 Frat letter
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14 Thunder god
15 Dad
16 Sea eagle
17 By heart
18 Slur
20 Island welcomes
22 Flightless bird
23 Shark feature
24 Rested up
27 Made a sharp sound
30 Many centuries
31 Bard or minstrel
32 Noon, to Caesar
34 Frazier foe
35 "The King and I" actress
36 Prow projections
37 Hold closely
39 Night sky streaker
40 Cowboy's affirmative
41 Everybody
42 Happened to
45 Embellished
49 River in England
50 Limerick locale
52 Sleet-covered
53 Jazzy — Horne
54 Mutant heroes of comics (hyph.)
55 That girl
56 Finales
57 Favored
58 Ocean fish

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1 Flat-topped cap
2 Harrow rival
3 Shrill barks
4 Wild feline
5 Ventricle neighbor
6 Competed in an election
7 Powerful
8 Yikes! (hyph.)
9 Greek letter
10 Crowd, in Madrid?
13 More verdant
19 Ballpark figs.
21 Fabric fuzz
24 Jellyfish habitat
25 "Whatever — Wants"
26 Novelist — Bagnold
27 Gaze intently
28 Reason to cram
29 Thinnest coin
31 Confuse
33 Devotee's suffix
35 Hull part
36 Bagel, e.g.
38 Carrion feeders
39 Lawyer's customer
41 See eye-to-eye
42 Hay unit
43 Not bumpy
44 Crazy about
46 Half of DJ
47 Parrot
48 Changed color
51 Brat

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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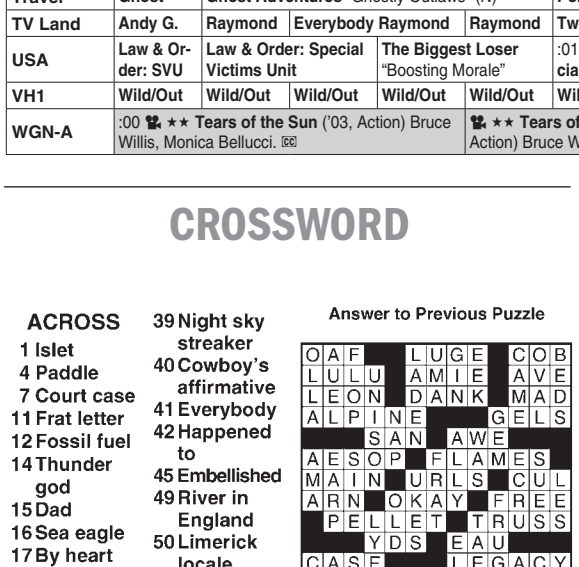

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

SOKKI

SRPNU

UNCYTO

GEALRR

I really don't think that's a good idea.
I want it nice and flat to show it off.
YOU SHOULDN'T IRON A FOUR-LEAF CLOVER UNLESS YOU WANT TO ---
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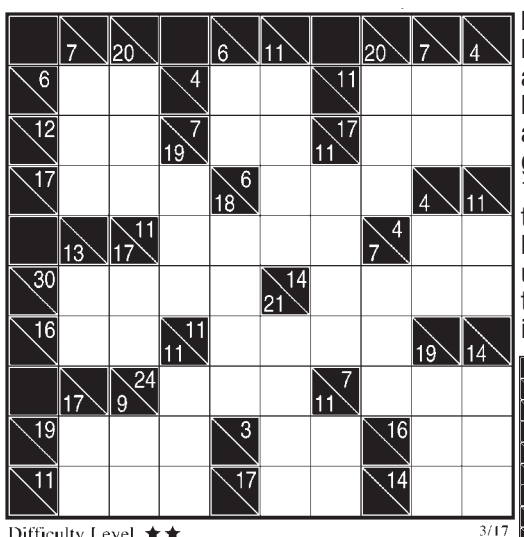
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

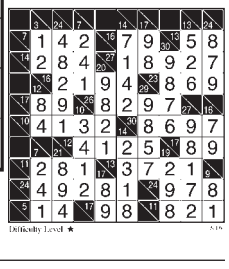
Yesterday's Jumbles: ELECT HAVOC PUCKER CACTUS
Answer: The bill for their dinner didn't seem correct. They asked the waiter to — CHECK PLEASE

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★ 3/17

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



Difficulty Level ★ 3/17

BRIDGE

Today is St. Patrick's Day, named, as you all know, for the patron saint of Ireland. Despite Ireland's being the butt of countless jokes in Britain, many great things come from that country. Waterford glass and Guinness stout spring to mind.

There have been many talented Irish bridge players. Surely the most colorful was Monty Rosenberg, who died in 2002. He was a little guy who sat very quietly at the table, picking his opponents clean. Away from the table, he had a devious sense of humor.

The Irish finished third in the 1979 European Championship. This deal was Monty's best from that event.

At the other table, the Dutch North cautiously passed out East's four-spade opening. That contract drifted down two: poor compensation for a laydown slam in clubs or diamonds.

However, reaching either slam was easier said than done. Would you and your partner have managed it?

Monty was in five hearts: at first glance, a hopeless-looking contract. But Monty loved challenges. After winning the first trick with dummy's spade ace, Monty judged it was likely that East had a singleton heart honor. So, he led the heart seven from the dummy, East's ace collecting only low cards.

East continued with the spade queen. Monty ruffed, played a heart to the queen and cashed his six minor-suit winners. West was left with three trumps. The lead of another club forced West to ruff and lead away from his J-9 of hearts into declarer's K-10 tenace. Five hearts bid and made.

North 03-17-20
♠ A 4
♥ Q 7
♦ A K Q 8 6
♣ K 10 9 3

West
♠ K 3
♥ J 9 6 5 4
♦ J 7 5
♣ 6 5 4

East
♠ Q J 10 9 8 6 5 2
♥ A
♦ 10 3
♣ J 2

South
♠ 7
♥ K 10 8 3 2
♦ 9 4 2
♣ A Q 8 7

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
			4♠
Pass	Pass	Dble	Pass
5♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ K

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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Holed up in the U.S.: Coronavirus shutdown threatens jobs

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER and TIM SULLIVAN
Associated Press

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A woman wearing a mask walks goes through security at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport in Arlington, Va., on Monday.

Millions of Americans holed up at home against the coronavirus Monday, with many of them thrown out of work until further notice, as authorities tightened the epic clampdown and the list of businesses forced to close across the U.S. extended to restaurants, bars, gyms and casinos.

With the U.S. economy shuddering to a near-halt, the Dow Jones Industrial Average plummeted nearly 3,000 points, or 13 percent, its biggest one-day percentage loss since the Black Monday crash of 1987.

The rapid work stoppage had Americans fretting about their jobs and their savings, threatened to overwhelm unemployment benefit programs, and heightened fears the country could plunge into a recession.

President Donald Trump acknowledged that possibility for the first time and suggested the nation may be dealing with the virus until July or August.

The number of infections in the U.S. climbed to nearly 4,500, with at least 81 deaths, two-thirds of them in hard-hit Washington state, where many residents of a suburban Seattle nursing home have been cut down by the virus. Worldwide, more than 7,100 have died.

Officials in six San Francisco Bay Area counties issued a "shelter in place" order affecting nearly 7 million people, requiring most residents to stay inside and venture out only for food, medicine or exercise for three weeks – the most drastic measure taken yet in the U.S. to curb the spread of the virus.

"I know today's order is a radical step. It has to be. We need to act now, all of us," said Dr. Grant Colfax, director of the San Francisco Health Department.

The shutdowns touched every corner of the country: blackjack dealers in Las Vegas, theme park workers in Orlando, Florida, restaurant and bar employees nationwide, and winery workers in California. At least eight states called on all bars and restaurants to close at least part of the day.

Tyler Baldwin, a 29-year-old bartender at the Taproom in Seattle's Pike Place Market, one of the city's biggest tourist attractions, shut down early "so I can go home and start figuring out unemployment, food stamps, really whatever the next step to keep myself afloat."

In San Francisco, tour guide Manuel Gomez, 49, saw a group cancel, and Alberto Sensores, 60, cleaned windows to stay busy at an empty restaurant near heavily touristed Pier 39. Both only have savings to last them 10 to 15 days.

"I have no Plan B," Gomez said.

Truckers hauling goods from a port in Virginia are just trying to hang on because cargo volume has dropped so much.

"It's a struggle just to survive right now, just to put food on the table," said Nicole Sapienza, managing member of Coastwide Marine Services in Virginia.

About 82 million people, or three-fifths of the U.S. workforce, are hourly employees. Many of them won't get paid if they don't work. For those in a category that includes restaurant, hotel, amusement park and casino workers, just one-third have access to paid sick leave, according to Wells Fargo.

Kevin Hassett, a former economic adviser to Trump, said on CNN that "the odds of a global recession are close to 100 percent right now" and predicted the U.S. could lose about 1 million jobs in April.

The economy appears to be decelerating at a much faster pace than during the 2008 financial meltdown.

"This is like an avalanche. It's all happening at once," said Heidi Shierholz, senior economist at the Economic Policy Institute. "And no one knows how long it's going to last."

On the other side of the ledger, Amazon announced it wants to add 100,000 workers to deliver packages amid a surge in online orders from people unable or unwilling to set foot in stores. And gun sales soared in many places as fear took hold.

"I've never seen it like this," said Ed Turner, who owns Ed's Public Safety in Stockbridge, Georgia. "This is self-preservation. This is panic. This is 'I won't be able to protect my family from the hordes and the walking dead.'"

With schools closed for tens of millions of children across the country, parents began using lesson plans that included flash cards, online learning, dog walks and creativity sessions. Many did this while juggling work conference calls, emails and memos. Others scrambled to find child care.

The shutdowns were especially devastating for the many artists and service industry workers in New York who rely on nightlife and live paycheck to paycheck in one of the most expensive cities in the world.

Ralph Anthony, a 38-year-old comic and actor in New York City, had two gigs canceled last week that cost him $1,000 – money he intended to use to pay next month's bills.

"There's literally no work to go around," he said. "You're living off your savings. You're liquidating your investment portfolio."

Nationwide, many restaurants were restricted to take-out or delivery only.

But "who's going to come in for carry-outs? Not a lot of people tip on carry-outs," waitress Danielle Livingston of Earl's Diner in Ferndale, Michigan, lamented.

In a letter to Trump and congressional leaders, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce called for swift legislation, including a three-month cancellation of some taxes and an expansion of loans to businesses, to "mitigate the potentially devastating economic effects."

Governors in a number of states said they are growing alarmed by the widening economic damage and effect on workers. Some announced changes to make it easier for people to collect unemployment benefits. Others accelerated programs to make loans available to small businesses.

Some analysts worry that unemployment benefit systems could be overwhelmed by people seeking aid, as happened during the height of the Great Recession over a decade ago. In fact, the website where businesses could apply for Small Business Administration disaster loans crashed Monday.

On the medical front, four healthy volunteers became the first participants in a clinical trial of an experimental vaccine against the virus, receiving shots at a research institute in Washington state. But officials cautioned that it will take a year to 18 months to fully test and approve any vaccine.

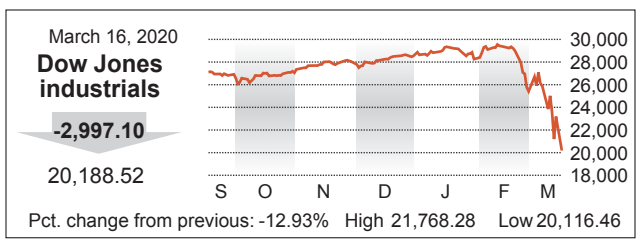
Health officials, politicians and business leaders are talking about "social distancing" and "flattening the curve," or encouraging people to avoid others to slow the spread of the virus and keep U.S. hospitals from being overwhelmed with a sudden deluge of patients.

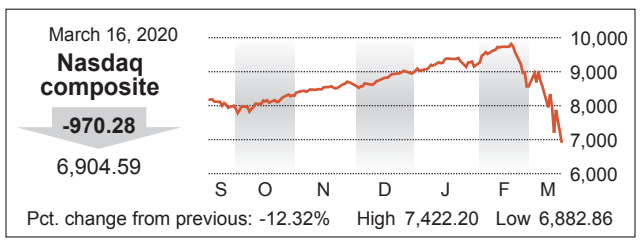
Most people who come down with the disease have relatively mild symptoms, but it can be deadly for some, especially the elderly and those with underlying health problems. Most people infected with the virus recover in a matter of weeks.

People forced to hunker down at home had to figure out how to entertain themselves now that nearly all social gatherings have been banned, canceled or strongly discouraged. Some planned to binge-watch TV, catch up on chores, exercise at home, do more cooking or catch up on their reading.

"I just started 'Love in the Time of Cholera.' It seemed appropriate," Beverly Pfeiffer in Silver Spring, Maryland, said of the Gabriel Garcia Marquez novel.

MARKETS





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LocalStocks

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WalMart	WMT	96.53	125.38	106.76	-7.34	-6.4	▼	▼	▼
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Whrlpl	WHR	99.61	163.64	92.79	-22.64	-19.6	▼	▼	▼
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Nathan Papes / The Springfield News-Leader via AP

An ambulance leaves the scene of a shooting at a gas station in Springfield, Mo., late Sunday. Police Chief Paul Williams said Monday morning that a Springfield police officer was killed.

5 dead, including officer and gunman, in Missouri shooting

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — A man fired randomly from his vehicle several times while driving through a southwest Missouri city before eventually crashing into a convenience store, where he walked inside, opened fire and left five people dead, including a police officer and himself, police said Monday.

The dead from Sunday night's shooting include a store employee and two men who were in the store, police said. A second officer was injured, along with another person.

The gunman's motives remain unclear, Springfield police Chief Paul Williams said at a news conference, where his voice broke as he described his officers' actions.

Williams said police received reports of "multiple shooting calls throughout the city" late Sunday starting in the south and moving north through the city's east side. "In essence we had a roving active shooter moving from the south side of the city up," he said.

As officers were responding to those calls, witnesses reported a vehicle crashed into a Kum & Go. gas station and convenience store, and the gunman walked inside and began shooting customers and employees, Williams said.

The Kansas City Star reported that the gunman opened fire from inside the store as police arrived, with officers taking cover behind vehicles and shields.

"Advise everybody arriving on the scene, the shooter is shooting out the window," one officer can be heard saying on audio captured by the online website Broadcastify.com, The Star reported. "The officer shot from inside the store outside. Take cover behind vehicles."

The first two officers who arrived were shot. Other officers pulled the injured officers from the store and then went inside, finding three people dead. The gunman also died, apparently from a self-inflicted gunshot, Williams said. Police identified the shooter as 31-year-old Joaquin S. Roman of Springfield.

Officer Christopher Walsh, 32, was shot and killed as he tried to rescue a victim, Williams said. He was with the Springfield police for 3 1/2 years, was an Army veteran and was active in the Army reserves. Walsh, a Springfield native, is survived by a wife and daughter.

"Chris died a hero, rushing in without regard to his own safety to protect members of his community. His courageous actions serve as an example to us all," Wiliams said in a news release.

Police identified the three other men who died as 57-year-old Troy D. Rapp, who was employed by Kum-N-Go, 46-year-old Shannon R. Perkins, who was employed by WCA Waste Corporation, and 22-year-old store customer Matthew J. Hicks-Morris. All were from Springfield.

Officer Josiah Overton, whose injuries are not life-threatening, has been with Springfield police for two years, he said.

"Both officers showed significant bravery and were heroic in their actions," Williams said.

"There are no word to express the shock and sorrow many of us are feeling," Kum & Go spokesman Aeriel Rubin said, adding "We remain grateful for the courage of our first responders and will do our utmost to support the investigation going forward."

A Springfield woman said the man fired at her as she was driving home from work about 11:30 p.m. Casey Parrish said the man was driving in front of her and everything seemed normal until she heard what she thought at first was a blown tire. Then she saw muzzle flashes from the driver's side of the car in front of her, The Springfield News-Leader reported.

Parrish said she did nothing to provoke the shooting and the gunman was driving normally until just before the shots started. He fired seven or eight shots as his car was swerving but her car was not hit. Parrish said she slowed down and the suspect eventually turned off of Highway 65 away from her. When she called 911, she was told officers were investigating similar reports from other locations.

"It was so surreal," she said.

Coronavirus vaccine test opens with 1st doses

By LAURAN NEERGAARD and CARLA K. JOHNSON
AP Medical Writers

SEATTLE — U.S. researchers gave the first shots in a first test of an experimental coronavirus vaccine Monday, leading off a worldwide hunt for protection even as the pandemic surges.

With careful jabs in the arms of four healthy volunteers, scientists at the Kaiser Permanente Washington Research Institute in Seattle began an anxiously awaited first-stage study of a potential COVID-19 vaccine developed in record time after the new virus exploded out of China and fanned out across the globe.

"We're team coronavirus now," Kaiser Permanente study leader Dr. Lisa Jackson said on the eve of the experiment. "Everyone wants to do what they can in this emergency."

The Associated Press observed as the study's first participant, an operations manager at a small tech company, received the injection in an exam room.

"We all feel so helpless. This is an amazing opportunity for me to do something," Jennifer Haller, 43, of Seattle said before getting vaccinated. Her two teenagers "think it's cool" that she's taking part in the study.

After the injection, she left the exam room with a big smile: "I'm feeling great."

Three others were next in line for a test that will ultimately give 45 volunteers two doses, a month apart.

Neal Browning, 46, of Bothell, Washington, is a Microsoft network engineer who says his young daughters are proud he volunteered.

"Every parent wants their children to look up to them," he said. But he's told them not to brag to their friends. "It's other people, too. It's not just Dad out there."

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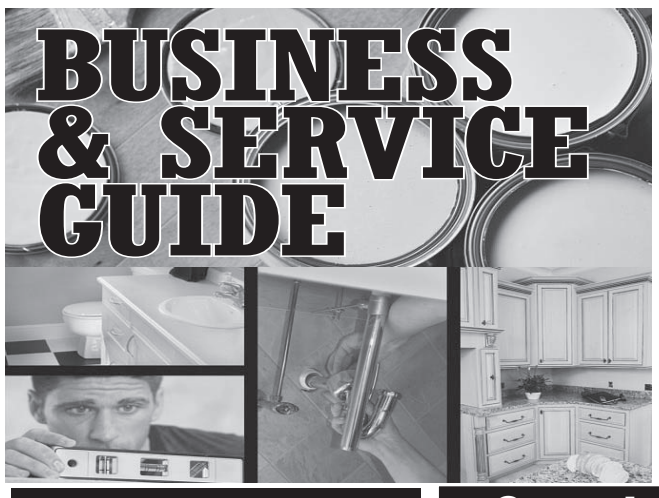

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By EUGENIA LAST

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

Life is yours to discover. Slow down, take in everything that you see, smell, touch, hear and taste, and observe what life has to offer. Your priorities will change, along with your long-term plans. Clarity will lead to decisions that provide the happiness you desire. Love, laugh and live.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Take advantage of a financial opportunity that offers greater security. Someone from your past will be a stepping stone to a brighter future. Personal improvements will boost your ego.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Look at the facts. Don't get upset over something you cannot change. Either prepare to stand up and fight for what you want or get out of the line of fire.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Think big and follow through with your plans. Get whatever concerns you out of the way. Your effort will be impressive and will draw the help you need to exceed your expectations.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Easy does it. Be careful what you say and whom you trust. Look at your options and make a change that encourages professional, personal and financial success.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You'll have more choices than anticipated. Refuse to let the number of options confuse you. Take a systematic approach to help you fine-tune an important decision. Seek out what will bring you the greatest happiness.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be honest with yourself and others to avoid walking down the wrong path. Just because something works for someone else doesn't mean that it's right for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you network, you will make a connection with someone who interests you personally or professionally. A trip or educational pursuit will give you a more extensive range of options.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Forget about your worries and do something with someone who makes you smile. Reminding yourself of all that you have will help you rethink how you want to move forward.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Put your creative ideas and talents to the test. Discuss an innovative partnership in detail. Draw up an agreement that will seamlessly blend what you and your partner have to offer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Pick up skills that will help you follow a path that excites you. Don't limit yourself just because someone is not in favor of the changes you want to pursue.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't be so hard on yourself. If you stand up for your beliefs and do what you feel most comfortable doing, you will excel. An idea you have is worth fleshing out.

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